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A REVOLUTION WITHIN A REVOLUTION

Those Ready for Revolutionary Measures Under Certain Contingencies.

PART FIRST.

Gen. R. S. Ripley Ready to Resign from the Service of the Confederacy and Enter that of the State of South Carolina.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 25, 1864.

Sir: Late events and orders have suggested the propriety and necessity of addressing you on the subject of the past defence of South Carolina, and my connection therewith and the service of the confederacy:

It is well known to your excellency that when South Carolina stood alone at the call of the executive, I resumed military labors and responsibilities then for some years laid aside. The duties devolving upon me were performed to the extent of my abilities, and resulted in a success in which, to some degree, I was an assistant. Notwithstanding, it was soon apparent that, from some reasons seemingly personal, no recognition of past and little assistance in future efforts were to be expected from the chief confederate authorities so far as I was concerned, and believing that my usefulness would be much abridged, I was ready to leave military service, the immediate object for which the governor of South Carolina had called me having been accomplished. At the invitation of the authorities, and upon the urgent representation of many citizens of the state, to which fact my services were still necessary, I consented to remain during the period of danger. Events progressed, the fortunes of the confederacy looked bright, and although many who had been my juniors in former service, and later in the cause than I, were preferred before me for no apparent reason, I devoted myself to preparing a defence for these people with whom I had cast my lot.

At the urgent importunity and demand of the large majority of the citizens of the metropolis, finally, in August, 1861, the confederate executive conferred upon me the rank which I have since held, charging me with the duty of defending the whole coast of South Carolina. The task was Herculean, previous preparations at important points had been small, time was short, but, nevertheless, every exertion was made to do all which could be hoped for. Fort Sumter fell soon after my assuming the command. For this I was not immediately responsible, but the causes were to be found in the natural and material advantages for its attack. Troops were raised, the command which I had held was merged in a larger, and my duties became concentrated more especially on the defence of Charleston and its vicinity. To that end my whole energy was devoted.

I did not wish to invite attack nor cause victory to be won at the expense of the loss of property, the devastation of private property, and the misery of women and children driven from their homes. My object was by preparation to warn the enemy of the danger of his attack so strongly that he would leave our helpless ones unharmed and permit our non-combatant population to be usefully employed. The then commander of the department in the main concurred in my views, and gave me full assistance, and upon a change taking place, in the spring of 1862, came a change of policy. I was ordered to carry out measures which I then believed, and which events have proven to be, most disastrous, including the evacuation of the most important strategic point of approach to Charleston and the richest granary of the state. These I opposed as far as military propriety would permit, and when unsuccessful, as a large portion of our forces were going to the defence of the confederate capital, I applied for orders and proceeded thither. The campaign of the seven days and the first invasion of Maryland followed. In the greatest number of battles included; I served sometimes as a brigade, at other times as a division commander.

During a short leave of absence while recovering from a wound, at the request of the delegation in congress from South Carolina and Georgia and of the governor of the former state, I was summoned to this department and assigned to the command which I had before exercised. The evacuation of Colels Island had brought its guns in a standing occupation of the harbor of Charleston by the enemy, although, under Providence, the gallantry of our soldiers had foiled his every approach to Charleston. The labors of command were increased many fold, and it has been well known that a novel method of attack was, prepared with all the ingenuity and mechanical skill of our enemies, for our speedy destruction was to be sustained. With deficiencies in material, to prepare to repel this attack was my care. In the task, although encountering some matters of administration which involved future disasters, and which I did not conceal is mention, I had the countenance and confidence of the commander of the department. The attack came, and the victory of the 7th of April, 1863, having been provided for by long months of preparation and practice, was easily won.

Soon after there arose cause of dissatisfaction between myself and other officers in the suppression of improper military reports and the publication of them, but the danger threatening overshadowed everything of a personal character. The enemy having been foiled in his personal attack, commenced his approaches against Morris Island, and it was fully provided for defense at its extremity. The charge of such provision, by an order which was one of the matters of administration lately referred to, been under staff officers, by whom it was negligently executed. I had no immediate responsibility, but, knowing the vital importance of the position, charged with the labor of our soldiers, to supply deficiency at the point of the enemy's approach, while the labor furnished by our citizens (who have been more or less directly charged with unwillingness to provide) was bestowed miles away. Some progress was made, and the enemy was checked for a time, but on the representation of staff officers, whose authority and existence I certainly would not recognize, I was reported for disobedience of orders. My command was checked. The matter was confined to the destruction of those who had previously executed it. Next to nothing was accomplished during three weeks, and on the 10th of August the enemy attacked the weak position by land and sea with a force which soon overpowered its small garrison. He gained his advantage, with the powerful numbers and mechanical and material resources at command, the reduction of Morris Island was a question of time. That time was protracted by our gallant soldiers until the 6th of September under all their disadvantages. But then our principal water defence had been rendered powerless to injure a foe, and the enemy had advanced his guns to within long range of our homes. By great activity, forced by the imminence of the danger and spasmodically put forth, other points had been prepared for defence during the time, and, although the enemy made strong efforts, his nearer approach was checked and a respite obtained.

During this period I was in command, which was necessarily laborious from the number of troops and the necessity of watching and providing for the ever changing events of the siege. I was meantime furnished with another example of the feelings of the confederate executive toward me by the arrival of a staff officer who had never commanded troops, and on whom superior rank had been conferred to overlook if not supercede me. Feeling conscious that I had done all in my power to avert the disaster which we were then struggling to postpone, I could not but feel injured, and had it not been for the urgent solicitations of prominent citizens and pressing danger, would have at once retired from the service. Such considerations prevailed, and after having borne the burden throughout the struggle, when the respite came without any complaint of my military conduct, the department commander dismembered my district into three portions, reducing my military standing and confining my efforts. Under this new military injury I remained until I was officially informed that new attacks were to be apprehended, and it was represented that my services were necessary. They were freely rendered, and vigilance retained our positions during the winter of 1863 and 1864. Many things, however, required to be done to continue preparation against future probable attacks, and although much was accomplished, much remained undone. My responsibility had been curtailed with my command, and the order of which the enforcement had principally caused the loss of Morris Island and the long-range bombardment of Charleston still remained in force.

With a full appreciation of its effects, I protested against it, and gave my reasons. The protest was unheeded and returned to me, and an inquisition instituted concerning the events of the previous summer, for the apparent purpose of endeavoring to prove that the neglect of Morris island was a proper military measure to which credit and no responsibility should attach. Despite the evidence of destructive missiles continually showering upon defenceless citizens, I could not and did not concur in any such views, and my answers to interrogatories as useless as the apparent object was futile were given accordingly, regardless of the displeasure of the high officer to whom I always believed the responsibility attached. That this was incurred by my adherence to what I believe to have been truth in its most sacred character I had soon reason to know.

While occupied with my duties daily and nightly watching and combating the enemy various events transpired, and in the spring of the present year a change of commanders took place. The officer who succeeded to the department was a stranger, ignorant of the locality and the situation. The geographical limits of my command were partially restored, and efforts were made to continue preparations for defence. These were strenuous on my part and I doubt not that the commanding general intended that his should be the same. But the system inaugurated in the order referred to still continued, and time passed by while many necessary things were undone, and more unattempted. Endeavors to cause evil military measures to be remedied brought on me animadversions which soon took the form of inquisition into my private conduct, and espionage under official instructions.

Meantime the city was visited by its local pestilence. Every general officer, with most of the staff, left or avoided the city for personal safety, but although our strength was sadly reduced, and but little could be done, and I had a lately accorded permission to remove my headquarters for health. I could not reconcile it with my ideas of duty to desert my post.

Another change of commanders took place meantime, and while one superior was absent and another who had been ordered had not arrived, the pressure of events called the commanding general from the vicinity. Doing my duty on the spot, where I have for most of the war served in this cause, I succeeded to the command of the troops in the state to be superseded on the abatement of the fever, and soon after to be deprived of command by the arrival of a gallant officer himself in ill health, who had no knowledge of the locality, and, who was totally inexperienced in seacoast defense. It was probably expected that this series of injuries and treatment so galling and mortifying to the feelings of a soldier who had tried faithfully and on some occasions successfully, to defend those interests intrusted to his charge, would induce me to resign my commission, but, deeming it more than probable that I should be required, I remained and strove as far as possible to assist the officer who superseded me. In the belief that I should be wanted I was strengthened by the expressed opinion of the great majority of the legislative delegation and the principal citizens of Charleston, who positively stated their belief that my removal was a public calamity.

Meanwhile the officer whose errors in administration I positively believe to have caused the loss of Morris Island and its attendant disasters, returns to the command of the department, and while the organization of our citizens is being discussed avows that personal reasons cause him to disapprove of my being employed on that service, which, to the extent of the organization, could not help but be useful. This occurred weeks since, and the organization has just commenced. He has refused to receive a note asking his reasons, though handed him by a prominent citizen of this state, though I was then off duty, and he was informed that it was respectful in character. Meantime private inquisition under his orders goes on as if to strive to base allegations of military misconduct on private acts and manners. Failing in this, when danger is at our door, I am ordered on distant service in a lower position than I have held during most of the war, and when I know that my services can be best rendered where they were first given and at the point which long experience has rendered familiar to me.

Under these circumstances, feeling that the same influences might pursue me to the new field of duty to which I am ordered, checking and thwarting my endeavors, and with a paramount danger threatening that state which first called me into service, it becomes a serious question whether my connection with the confederate provisional army can be of more benefit to this cause than it has hitherto been to myself. In the new command it is more than to be expected, judging from my past experience, that I shall be without power to render that service which the cause and the condition of affairs demand. South Carolina now requires the services of every man. To her I gave mine before the confederacy existed, and when those who, on grounds of expediency or timidity, waited to ascertain the strength of the revolution in which she risked all. I freely gave what was in my power to assist her. I am still willing and anxious to serve as I commenced, until those obligations which I first assumed are cancelled by other acts than mine. For the reasons to which I have alluded, believing that no services which it can be possible to render can be paramount to those now demanded here, I would cheerfully resign at once the nominally high rank which I now hold in the confederate army to take such service as I can best render the state of South Carolina, knowing that in serving her I shall serve well the cause for which we are all struggling.

I have addressed this letter to your excellency respectfully to ask your opinion whether you concur with those of your fellow citizens who have expressed and continue to express their belief that my services can best be rendered here, and in their necessity. I can assure your excellency that I will lay down the commission which I now hold with great cheerfulness and alacrity, if in this crisis my presence and my services can in any way assist in the salvation of South Carolina. With great respect, I have the honor to be your excellency's obedient servant.

R. S. RIPLEY,

His excellency the Hon. A. G. Magrath, governor of South Carolina.

William Gilmore Simms to Governor Magrath.

WOODLANDS, Jan. 3, 1865.

The Hon. A. G. Magrath—*My Dear Governor:* I enclose you my resignation as a member of the board of visitors of the military academy. It was with great reluctance and only at the earnest application of our friend Jones that I consented to accept it. He and I believe all the board will resign. The duties are onerous, the responsibility great, there is no compensation and in the legislature the voice of censure in offensive terms has recently been loud. These things alone would suffice to justify our resignation. In my case, however, private circumstances compel an act which my own sensibilities would otherwise demand.

I am about to become a refugee. I have removed my poor little children to Columbia, and I am selling off what I can for two objects—to save them from the wreck, and to provide means of paying taxes and of supporting the family. Our precinct is one which is necessarily endangered by the obvious condition of things and probable action of the enemy. In the immediate neighborhood of Branchville, and as near as Barnwell particularly is, I have no doubt that much of the war will be transferred to this quarter. And if we have no affairs of grand armies, though this is particularly to be anticipated, we may expect any amount of preying by predatory parties. Having put my family in security, I shall remain here as long as possible, though I should feel very uncomfortable if forced into lodgings in Fort Lafayette, or any other northern bastile. I am too feeble, however, for flight, and must face events, however angry their aspects. At 60 years of age, subject to chronic affections which greatly interfere with my locomotion, and holding no official position, I can see no motive which the enemy could have for making me a prisoner. At all events I must encounter this risk in the hope of saving the property from flame or spoliation. Still, while I thus think at present, I shall be pleased to have your own opinion on the subject—i. e., if the arduous duties of your office will afford you sufficient leisure to meditate my case and accord to me a letter.

I confess to some surprise at your acceptance of this office, especially as, when some time ago we were hunting in couples in search of a governor (but with no sufficient lantern such as Diogenes carried), you gave me to understand that you yourself could not be persuaded to sacrifice your judgship for the high constabulary. Of course I assume that you have good reasons for your change of mood, and I am willing to believe that you possess individual resources to enable you to rise nobly to the encounter with all the exigencies of the times. It is certainly a magnanimous courage, which, under the present aspect of our affairs, on a lee shore, with breakers all around us, bravely seizes on the helm and assumes all the fearful responsibilities of command. I can only say, my dear governor, that I invoke the Lord of hosts in your and the country's behalf. May he endow you with the requisite wisdom and courage, and so prosper your thoughts with his inspiration as to lift you to triumphs such as yourself perhaps never conceived before to lie within your reach and province.

I know you to be a man of thought and energy. May God crown these native qualities with his favor, and make your guidance of the bark of state a triumph for your name in all future time, while it assures our people their security and establishes their cause in victory.

Pardon me for trespassing so long upon your attention. There are some detailed views which I could wish to deliver to you, but they are not proper or possible in the limited range of a letter. It is probable that I shall see you in Columbia ere many days. I called last Saturday at the executive chamber and left my name for you. Once more! Courage, patience, moderation, and the clear exercise of your mind and the adequate employment of all your energies.

Yours very truly. W. GILMORE SIMMS.

Gen. M. C. Butler Wants to be on Hand.

HEADQUARTERS BUTLER'S CAVALRY DIVISION, BICKSBURG, Va., Jan. 4, 1865.

Governor A. G. Magrath, Governor: I am very anxious to have my division transferred to South Carolina for the purpose of remounting, reorganizing, and to protect the country as far as possible, and I would be greatly obliged if you would communicate with Gen. R. E. Lee and the president, and request that it be ordered.

My command is at present composed of my old brigade (So. Ca.), Young's (Ga.), and Dearing's (N. C. and Ga.), and Hart's battery of artillery (S. C.). Dearing's brigade would hardly be allowed to accompany me, being only temporarily attached. May I ask that you will not use this letter officially? I am, Governor, most respectfully, &c.,

M. C. BUTLER, Major General.

Senator Barnwell Trying to Fill the Breach.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 9, 1865.

To his Excellency, A. G. Magrath, Governor of South Carolina—*My Dear Sir:* Your very important communication of the 25th December was presented to me on Friday last by Colonel Seabrook.

On Saturday I communicated it to the delegation of South Carolina, and that night we held a meeting and determined to lay it before the president to-day. I had seen the president and secretary of war in reference to the defense of Charleston and South Carolina, as soon as the news of the evacuation of Savannah reached Richmond and solicited reinforcements, urging similar considerations to those presented by yourself.

The president assures me that he had urged strongly upon the general commanding the defense of the city, and that he would consult General Lee in reference to sending reinforcements. He informed me also that he had received and answered a communication from you on the subject.

This delegation of the state now the president, by appointment, to-day, and presented your communication to him. After reading it he stated in substance, that he had held frequent and earnest consultations with Gen. Lee, and while they both deeply felt the importance of defending the city of Charleston, the state, and the railroad communications running through it from the enemy, they could not resolve that the interests of our cause, to which they were bound to give the highest consideration, allowed them to abandon Richmond to the enemy, and march General Lee away, to be followed by Grant into South Carolina, and that General Lee thought that the case presented only this alternative. He said that, at your earnest request, he had sent you General Connor's brigade, which General Lee declared he could ill spare, small as the force was; that General Lee had that day written that Wilmington was again threatened, so that the forces could not be removed from that place. He further stated that he had urged General Beauregard, if he found the soldiers of Hood's army in condition to be removed, to bring as large a portion of it as could be rapidly transported (two divisions, I believe) to the re-enforcement of the army in South Carolina.

The president also stated in a more confidential way that neither himself nor the secretary of war could obtain anything from Governor Brown of Georgia, but thought that he might yield some assistance in response to an appeal from you.

With respect to the appointment of General Joseph E. Johnston, which the delegation from the house of representatives, in a joint letter, also urged, the president said nothing.

I have thus briefly, but I think substantially, stated the communication made to us by the president. I make it thus informally because Colonel Seabrook leaves at an early hour in the morning, and I have had no opportunity of seeing them since they were called away by business from the conference.

I need not say, my dear sir, with how much pain I am compelled to convey to you this want of success in our application. The reduced condition of General Lee's army, suffering from various causes, chiefly from the almost entire impossibility of obtaining recruits or even the return of soldiers escaped from it, I fear gives too much reason for this conclusion that to weaken it by division exposes the whole army to destruction; and while, with the natural feeling of a South Carolinian, I urged taking the risk of this movement, I felt no surprise that my suggestion was not approved of. Nor could I condemn the determination that, under the circumstances, Richmond ought not to be abandoned, though, with you, I much fear that the loss of Charleston involves at no great interval the abandonment of Richmond.

I think that some help might be obtained from Gov. Brown, if some one whom he knows and esteems were sent to him, or if you could meet him in Augusta. I sincerely hope that all South Carolinians will come to the rescue. All they hold dear is now set upon the issue of the present struggle. Every man ought to know that, if the enemy takes Charleston, the whole state is open to him, and life and honor, liberty and property, lie at the mercy of a remorseless foe.

I cannot express to you the deep anxiety with which the imminent danger of the state fills me. My greatest sorrow is that I can do so little for her. Let no man deceive himself by false hopes of mercy. He will wish that he had died in the fight when he has even for a short time felt the misery of the conquered.

At my age, and with my capacity, I can do but little for our native state. But if, by any use of me, service can be rendered to her, I shall thank you for suggesting it to me.

The clouds lower very heavily, but fortitude and patriotism will I hope, carry us through the storm.

I sincerely trust that you may be sustained and prospered in the discharge of the duties of your office.

I remain, with great respect, your obedient servant, R. W. BARNWELL.

P. S.—I spoke to the president in reference to Gen. Ripley. He much regrets his removal from Charleston, but does not think that he can with propriety replace him there. I am myself persuaded that, in this emergency, his services will be greatly missed in the defense of the city.

With great respect, your obedient servant, R. W. BARNWELL.

Governor Magrath Instructs Wm. Henry Trescott to Sound Governor Brown of Georgia.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, COLUMBIA, Jan. 9, 1865.

Sir: The contents of the letter with which you have been charged to the governor of Georgia, and the conversation had with you on the subject, to a certain extent, render unnecessary any instructions. It is nevertheless proper to present you briefly, but plainly, the necessity which calls for the mission with which you are now charged.

The war waged upon this confederation affects each state in its condition of a separate sovereignty. The area of each state is not so much of a general territorial domain, but marks the dimensions of a distinct sovereignty. A state in its organic capacity may part with its territory; the confederation cannot part with a state. Because it is one of a confederation the state has a right to the aid of all to protect it in case of invasion.

The dangers to which a state is exposed, together with the means of defense which the confederation possesses, and the comparison of the advantages of defense where two or more states are equally exposed, belong to that common government which administers the resources of the whole. If the necessities of the confederation compel the government to abandon the defense of a state, and if it is the duty of that state to remain loyal to the compact of that confederation, it is evidently also its duty to provide for its own safety.

The state of South Carolina seeks no other position than that of a member of this confederation. As such it is entitled to the power of the government to protect it from threatened danger. If that power cannot be exercised, it must protect itself.

What is true of one state is true of all, and the acknowledgment of that obligation is really the greatest bond of union; for that is a union that cannot be severed, while there is force in any state to repel invasion; and, in that, prevent division.

The state of South Carolina is now invaded. What is the danger to which the state is exposed? It is believed infinitely greater than awaits any other state. To preserve her safety, it is not only her duty to herself, but if she can do so she fulfills the obligation of her compact with her sister states. Her dangers are greater than such as threaten any other state. What are her means to repel them? Like the other states, her population between 18 and 50 years is in the field. She has called upon those between 16 and 17 and between 50 and 60. These are all she has left. These cannot protect her; these cannot protect Georgia; these cannot protect North Carolina, nor Mississippi, nor Alabama.

But that for which these are inadequate in their separate condition in each state may be available if from two, or three, or four states, they are united for the defense of one state. The confederate government has no; called for those; they are not fit for conscription. Their organization, therefore is not opposed to, but beneficial to the common government.

This combination, therefore, of these reserved resources can only be secured by a knowledge in each state of what the other has; and that knowledge is only to be acquired by frequent intercourse between the authorities of each. That intercourse you are desired upon these grounds to establish.

I wish you to observe particularly that, so far as this matter is concerned, it relates only to those resources which the common government does not use. The polity of this state has been to give to the government whatever of physical resources it has. It is its right, as well as its duty, to use all others for its defense, and if what it has is not sufficient, it may from its sister states receive aid of the like kind.

This it is important for you to observe, because this state must be guarded against even the imputation of contracting, or desiring to do so, the powers or resources which by it have been given to the common government. It has in such purpose, and the means it adopts for its own safety inure to the common good.

This careful adherence in the use of these resources from interference with the common government must not, however, be understood as affecting the right, or diminishing, by disclaiming, the duty of the state through its proper organs, either by way of advice, suggestion, or protest, to present its opinion to any department of the common government the action of which may seem to it unwise or mischievous.

At this time there are two questions which excite public interest. The one is the power of the president as the military commander of the confederation; the other, the use of slaves for the purpose of recruiting the armies. These two grave questions are to be considered, not only as to the decision which shall be made concerning each of them, but also as to the mode in which that decision shall be made.

As to both, it is most important that you should bear this in mind. Under existing circumstances, a decision, however abstractly right it may be, is of no real benefit unless it is made according to existing governments as now found in these states. If, to arrive at a decision upon these questions, you are forced to, or without being forced, resort to means of government not now in operation, it will be in itself very mischievous, if not ruinous, to our cause. Conventions now called would be, even in that case, resolving an organized political condition into one of primitive character. That change or disturbance going on in any state is mischievous; in all it would be ruinous. Whatever is the public opinion in any state, that can be ascertained even now by the existing governments in each as well as through a convention of the people of that state. If the opinion of established governments will not prevail, what force could there be in any other organization through which public opinion could be expressed, which is wholly moral in its influence, and has not and cannot have the means to accomplish its ends? I am of the opinion that convention is now revolution within revolution.

I think it, too, essential to our safety that we should remember this. With us no power assumes the function of prerogative. It is all delegated; it is given; it can be taken away. It is the expression of opinion; and that opinion is the public will. Wherever, therefore, that public will is manifested through the organs of government it has constituted for the execution of that will in all public matters, it must be regarded as entitled to respect quite as great as would be given to that will expressed in a convention. I consider the opinion of the executive, if confirmed by the concurrence of the legislative department of the state governments, would be as potential in regard to any question which was discussed by the common government, without the danger or the mischief that would, at this particular time, result from state conventions.

While, therefore, in the present condition of our public affairs, everything prompts us to develop every resource and correct every mistake, quite as strongly are we to do or to attempt the doing of such things, without excitement or disturbance, or increasing the dangers with which we are threatened by new or organic changes. If, through the state governments, as now organized, and through the agencies of the governments most appropriate for that purpose, a candid appeal is made to the government of the confederate states, setting forth the present condition of these states, the disadvantages to which they are exposed, and the causes which have led to those disadvantages, have we not the right to suppose that what is frankly and not unkindly, truly yet respectfully, spoken will be heeded? Does not the present condition of our affairs require the interposition of the most active measures, to arrest the mischief already experienced, and the greater which we are threatened? Is it not understood that the power of the common government is exhausted, and its policy unfortunate? Is there any resource left except in the states? Is there, or can there be wrong or insult? Is there, or can there be anything but right and duty in the governors of these states, unitedly, if they agree, presenting to the president such changes of policy and of measures as will save the lives, liberties and fortunes of the people of the several states in and over which they preside?

Under these circumstances, and with such views, you will proceed to that portion of the state of Georgia in which the governor of that state may be and communicate with him. If he agrees with me, and the governor of North Carolina also concurs, it will be proper to confer with the governors of other states. You will, however, report to me as soon as you can, the result of your interview with the governor of Georgia. Respectfully, &c.,

A. G. MAGRATH.

To Col. Wm. Henry Trescott.

Governor Magrath Spurring Jefferson Davis.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 15, 1865.

His Excellency President Davis, Richmond, Va.—The enemy has commenced his movements. Our troops have been forced back from Pocotaligo, and there is no doubt his success will be followed up. We have no troops to repel the force against us. The North Carolina troops have been called for by General Bragg, and the Georgia troops will soon be withdrawn.

Unless we can have aid, and that aid quickly and efficiently sent, the lower part of the state and this city will be at the mercy of the enemy. The consequences which will follow such success I will not venture to express. Conceive the worst and it is that. I have written to Mr. Barnwell, and asked him to present to you my opinions as to the effect of the fall of Charleston. I repeat it now, as my solemn conviction, that our cause now depends upon our success here. Without aid here, all hope will be lost. The state has now in the field, in the militia, every man who can come out. But these troops cannot yet be efficient. If General Hood's army can be sent to Augusta in time, we may yet arrest the course of disaster which threatens to ruin us.

A. G. MAGRATH, Governor.

Col. A. P. Aldrich Wants the Negro Placed Hors de Combat.

BARNWELL COURT HOUSE, Jan. 18, 1865.

Sir: The threatened advance of the enemy through our state exposes a large number of negroes to capture, which, if possible, should be prevented. I do not recommend to families to desert their homes, because some have not the means to move. Most of the residences out of the line of march have been taken up, and experience has shown that refugees have not generally bettered their condition in leaving the comforts by which they were surrounded to seek new residences, unless they possessed very ample means. I am therefore not at all surprised that many have determined to stand their ground and hold to their homesteads rather than seek safety in flight.

What I most fear, and what I desire to call your attention to, is the number of able-bodied young negroes that may fall into the hands of the enemy. I hold it to be criminal in a slaveowner to allow his young fellows to be captured. It not only deprives the confederacy of an able-bodied laborer, but it furnishes the invading army with a good recruit, who makes at least as good a soldier as the ignorant and debauched foreigner. In the opinion of many who have seen service, he is much better material. Now, what I suppose wish to bring to your attention is the necessity of making some arrangement by which these recruits from our laborers may be put out of the reach of the enemy, either by the owner of the same or by the state at the expense of the owner. It is a very common reply now of men who own slaves to say: "I do not intend to move; I have no place to go to, no land on which to put my negroes, and, if I had, no money with which to move and support them."

It is not much better for a man who has two, ten, or fifty young fellows to sell a third or one-half of them to raise the means to save the remainder, than to give all of them to the enemy? What good does it do for South Carolina to call out three or four thousand militia, old men and boys incapable of active service, without competent officers, not having the ordinary camp equipage and supplies, with no discipline, a mere mob, while at the same time we give to the enemy eight or ten thousand able-bodied negroes, strong, healthy, active, accustomed to discipline, in the very prime of life, who will be immediately distributed among an army of veterans and made good troops against their late masters?

It is not our policy to remove this fighting material before the enemy comes, nay, to kill all who will not go, rather than to have to kill them after they are armed and put in the ranks against us? I therefore regard it as a matter of the greatest importance that you at once issue such orders as will save these laborers to the confederacy and will keep them out of the ranks of the enemy, or if you have not the authority and do not choose to assume so large a responsibility, that you convene the legislature for that purpose. The danger is pressing, and, in my opinion, any power that you may assume will be cheerfully sanctioned, and any movement in this direction will be promptly legalized. Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. P. ALDRICH.

To Governor Magrath.

A SECOND LETTER ON THE SAME DAY.

THE OAKS, Jan. 16, 1865.

My Dear Governor: I am afraid you will think me afflicted with the "*cacoethes scribendi*" (if that is the right way to write it), but the fact is I have been a good deal among our people in the last week, getting up this militia organization, and I do not like the feeling which I see prevailing. There is a good deal of despondency, and it is very common to hear "We are gone. Sherman will overrun the country. There is no use to try any longer."

I know this is the result of the first shock, and as the people become accustomed to the state of things a more healthful disposition will prevail; but yet I have been impressed that some of our largest slave-owners talk in this way. I have not heard them myself, but I cannot doubt it. General Ragood is now with us, and we have conferred freely. He agrees with me that it will be criminal to allow our young fellows to fall into the hands of the enemy. My sons are also at home. They are all in the service, and, as you know, have had opportunities to form opinions entitled to weight and consideration. They all agree that while the negro does not make a soldier to compare with the man who fill up our ranks, he does make a soldier who compares favorably with the soldiers who fill up the ranks of the Yankee army, and generally is a better soldier than the emigrant and the Yankee negro.

I wish you would take this matter in your own hands, and order the thing done at once. I know you are not afraid of responsibility, and if it is right that you have the nerve to do it. But if you think it is better to have the sanction of the legislature, and that your order may be disregarded because there is no law for it, then call the legislature together to do it. But I am afraid if you do call it they may get up a debate on the subject, and if the vote should be against the recommendation you will feel yourself trammeled. I would rather do the thing first and get the sanction of the lawmaking power afterward. I know this matter is so important that it will commend itself to your serious attention, and have only brought it to your notice because in the multitude and magnitude of affairs now pressing on you you may not think of it in time. Yours truly,

GOV. MAGRATH. A. P. ALDRICH.

Governor Vance Deprecates It, but Is Willing to Inaugurate Revolutionary Measures Under Certain Contingencies.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, RALEIGH, Jan. 15, 1865.

Governor: The present condition of affairs makes it proper that I should again seek communication with my brother governors, for the purpose of mutual counsel and assistance.

The march of Sherman through Georgia, his threatened advance through South Carolina, and the recent disasters involved in the defeat of General Hood, and the fall of the principal defensive work of Wilmington, have necessitated the desire for a state convention for vague and indefinable purposes.

I do not think, however, that a convention can be called in North Carolina, unless your state should lead the movement, and I see many indications of such an intention among your people.

I suppose you are aware of my opinions in regard to the danger of such a movement. I expressed them to you in a letter last spring, and had the happiness to receive your concurrence in my conclusions then. I regard it as simply another revolution, and by which we would incur not only the danger attendant upon a disunited confederation, but also of domestic strife and bloodshed. For I have no idea that a severance of our existing relations could possibly be so unanimously effected as to prevent a considerable minority, backed by the army, from inaugurating a state of anarchy more horrible than anything we have yet endured, or may expect to endure. Judging by my own people, I regard such a deplorable result as morally certain.

It seems to me that the state governments, through their executives and legislatures, will save all the necessary moral weight, and can accomplish every desired object short of revolution, and that by calling a convention we can have no other object in view except revolution.

I frankly confess it to you, that I regard it our chief aim at this time to hold the demoralized and tumbling fragments of society and law together, and prevent them from dropping to pieces until the rapidly hastening end of our struggle shall be developed. To do this is not only humane, and in every respect our duty, but also puts off the evil day, and keeps us in position to take advantage of any fortunate circumstance tending to redeem our losses, to inspire our people with hope, or even to secure better terms in case all should be lost.

Besides, the tenor of my advices from Richmond of late is to the effect that President Davis is inclined to make earnest efforts for peace on a basis as modest as you or I could willingly agree to. I am anxious, therefore, to see this, the legitimate and proper channel, fairly *tried and thoroughly exhausted before we take matters into our own hands, and inaugurate revolutionary measures.*

I earnestly hope, therefore, that Georgia will not set an example which, I fear, would be fatal to North Carolina. The latter was greatly influenced by the former in the beginning of the revolution, and the secession of the empire state of Georgia, after mature deliberation, has more influence in determining the fate of North Carolina than any other state in the confederation, except, perhaps, our great northern neighbor Virginia.

Both these latter were exceedingly loath to quit the old Union, and embarked their sober and cautious people upon the bloody waves of war in the face of tremendous odds. They hesitated no longer when our southern sisters plunged in and cried for help. How they have helped, how they have bled and suffered, none will more cheerfully acknowledge than the people of Georgia, by the side of whose gallant sons their blood has been spilled and their sufferings endured.

I appeal to you, then, governor, in all candor and honor, to ask if Georgia should not, in this great matter, show due deference to the opinions and wishes of her northern sisters, who moved mainly and out of sympathy for those who got first into the trouble! I believe she will, hope she will—not only for the sake of the cause, but for the sake of humanity, and that our action to the last may be harmonious, cordial, and sympathetic.

Please let me hear your opinions as soon as your convenience may serve, and believe me to be very respectfully and sincerely yours.

Z. B. VANCE.

To Gov. J. E. Brown.

[To be concluded next Sunday.]

THE FEROCITY OF SALMON.

The "sixth column man" of the New York *Times* has heard how plentiful salmon are in the streams of this state and perpetrates the following:

"The recent frightful accident which happened to a stage in southern Oregon cannot fail to call the attention of the state authorities to the necessity of protecting settlers against the attacks of salmon. The stage in question was crossing Applegate creek when it was suddenly attacked by a drove of salmon. The stage was instantly overturned, and the hungry fish swarmed over it, while the stage driver, with great presence of mind, cut the traces of his horses, and throwing himself across the off wheel horse—a powerful animal, formerly the property of Dr. Goodrich of Olympia—managed to escape. The dispatch which conveys to us this painful story says nothing of the fate of the stage passengers, but, unfortunately, there is every reason to believe that they fell victims to the salmon.

The Oregon salmon has long been regarded by experienced western hunters as the most dangerous animal infesting the continent. It is much larger than the salmon of the Atlantic coast, and unlike the latter, which is a timid and inoffensive fish, it is fearless, aggressive and cruel. There is scarcely a river in Oregon which is free from salmon, and many of the streams are rendered practically impassable by the numbers and ferocity of the salmon inhabiting them.

To hunt the Oregon salmon requires from nerves and great skill in the use of the rifle. The usual practice of the hunter is to hide himself on the bank of a stream and to send in his dog to rouse the salmon from their lair. When the fish come within gunshot the hunter fires, and unless he kills or disables the game at the first shot his chances for life are small. The infuriated fish will, in most cases, turn upon the hunter whose shot has been ineffective. One blow of the salmon's tail almost invariably proves fatal, and if he can once set his teeth in the flesh of the hunter he cannot be shaken off. The only chance of escape is for the hunter to drive his knife into the fish's heart, but such a blow to be effective must be delivered immediately behind the pectoral fin, and it requires the utmost coolness for a man to face the rush of a maddened salmon and wait until he can stab him in the most vulnerable part. Scores of hunter who have successfully fought the grizzly bear have fallen victims to the Oregon salmon, and scores of others, crippled and maimed survive to tell the story of their blood-curdling experience while in the very jaws of a monster fish.

Were the salmon to confine themselves wholly to the water they would be comparatively harmless, for no man would be in danger unless he ventured into a salmon pool. But unlike most of our American fishes, the Oregon salmon is in the habit of leaving the water and wandering through the forest in search of prey. Men, women and children have often been chased for long distances by salmon on the lonely Oregon roads, and an enormous number of sheep and cattle have been killed and devoured. Two years ago the forest in the neighborhood of East Melvile, in southern Oregon, was infested by a pair of salmon of unusual size and ferocity. Hardly a night passed that some settler did not lose a valuable domestic animal, and no less than five human lives were sacrificed almost within sight of the Methodist meeting house. The people of the town never went out of their houses unarmed, and they lost so much sleep in consequence of the nightly and incessant roaring of the fish that life was really a burden to them. The town authorities offered a reward of $1000 for the head of either of the two salmon, but no local hunter was bold enough to make an attempt to gain it. These formidable fish were finally killed by a party of hunters—nine in number—from Tacoma, who, assisted by a pack of well-trained fish hounds, tracked the salmon to their lair in a small pool of stagnant water and shot them with a Gatling gun. Twenty-two bullets were found in the body of the male and seventy-four in that of the female. The former fell dead at the first fire, but the latter, although severely wounded, rushed on the hunters and succeeded in killing one and disabling eight dogs before she was finally conquered.

In winter, the Oregon salmon, rendered more fearless than ever by want of food, roam over the country in packs and droves of from twenty-five to a thousand fish. No exact statistics as to the annual loss of life by salmon in Oregon are at present accessible, but it is believed that in proportion to its population Oregon loses as many inhabitants yearly by salmon as India loses by tigers.

The only way in which to meet this great evil is for the state government to offer a reward of say $100 for every salmon killed within its borders. Such an offer would cause an instant emigration of thousands of fearless hunters from every state in the union to Oregon. Some lives would of course be lost, but the salmon would soon be practically exterminated, and it would become possible for a stage to pass even Applegate creek without being attacked and destroyed by salmon."

A SUGGESTION.

PORTLAND, March 13.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OREGONIAN:

The writer being a "struggling manufacturer" himself, has watched and read every article in your paper on the above subject for a number of years. But since the cent per cent man seems now to be less inclined than ever to invest his money in such enterprises, and his money being his property, to be handled to suit himself, what are you going to do about it? (Say just what we think fit.—ED.) Try another tack. Instead of working from the top down, work from the bottom upwards.

In your article of this morning's issue you say that the wholesale dealers "only handle those (Oregon) goods when compelled by special demand of their customers."

Here we have the key to solve this question, where the other fails. Appeal to the masses, the patriotism of the people. (Will you please substitute some word which will give expression to a sentiment of love, preference, pride or attachment for anything which is made or produced where our home is.) Let them make up their minds to ask for and buy only such articles as are made or produced in our midst, in preference to the imported article. Then the retailer, and consequently the wholesaler, will have to keep such goods in stock, and once these wheels of trade set in motion in this direction, they will keep going of their own momentum.

G. A. ZEGELE, Manufacturer.

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LITERARY NOTES.

Literary News for March has been received by Ed Bekum & Bo

A new volume of Professor Mommsen's "Roman History" will soon be in the hands of readers

White Stokes & Allen have just published another pretty fringed book, called "Birthday Flowers." It contains several poems arranged and illustrated by the indefatigable Susie B Skelding

Charles Scribner' Sons will publish early next month another volume of Schaff's "History of the Christian Church," treating of mediæval Christianity from Gregory I to Gregory VII (590-1073)

Joseph Thomson's "Through Masai Land," shortly to be republished in this country, is the latest work on African exploration The London *Times* says that in point of novelty there has been nothing to compare with Mr Stanley's "Through the Dark Continent."

The Longfellows are satisfied with none of the numerous biographies of the poet lately published, and the poet's brother Samuel Longfellow of Portland, Me, is now preparing a "Life and letters," which presumably will be satisfactory to himself and the rest of the Longfellow family

G P Putnam's Sons will publish immediately a small work with a big purpose, entitled "Man's Birthright, or, the Higher Law of Property" The author, Edward H G Clark, claims to present in his essay a practical solution of the vexed questions concerning the ownership of the surface and mineral products of the earth

Mr Bernard Quaritch, in a letter to the New York *Tribune*, says, apropos of Mr George W Smalley's comments on the sale of the Lenox Park library "I have been for thirty-seven years a bookseller, enjoying some credit and repute among respectable men. I have been connected with the business for fifty years but during that long experience, I have never met with a critic so captious, so unfair, so acridly and perversely hostile"

At a recent social gathering in St Louis General Sherman was present. Said a young lady resident

"He doesn't look like a literary man"

"Oh, he isn't," replied another young lady resident

"Didn't he write 'School for Scandal?'"

"Mercy, no You are thinking of General Sheridan He isn't here to-night"

Benson J Lossing, LL D, writes in the March number of *The Literary Magazine*, for B. Alden, publisher, New York, on the question of "Secret or Open Sessions of the Senate" With the possible exception of Bancroft no writer on American historical topics stands higher as an authority, or wields a more graceful pen, and what he has to say upon a subject of such interest and importance will deservedly attract attention

Dr Hedges and Mr Howes is were invited to dine with Mr Aldrich the editor of the *Ritz*, Tuesday evening, and met Charles Egbert Craddock, the author of "In the Tennessee Mountains," "Where the battle was Fought," and the novel now running in the *Atlantic* The gentlemen were greatly surprised to find that Charles Egbert Craddock is but the pseudonyme which has for six years veiled the identity of a brilliant woman—Miss Mary N Murfree of St. Louis

Mr Alfred H Guernsey, who for a number of years was editor of *Harper's Magazine*, and later one of the editors of the Appletons' cyclopedia, is now associated with *The Lakeside Magazine*, John B Alden publisher, New York An article from his pen in the February number, on "Constitution and Migration of Our Population," is a good example of how a skilful writer can transform the dry pages of a census report and make them brilliant with interest and instruction

The story of "The Opening of the Lower Mississippi" will be told, in the *Century* war series, by Admiral Porter, with whom, as he relates, the expedition for the capture of New Orleans originated and who was in command of the mortar fleet during the action In the soon number (April) will appear Mr George W Cable's paper on "The Fall of New Orleans" in which the condition of the city and the circumstances attending the federal occupation will be picturesquely described by a resident of New Orleans at the time The illustrations of the battle scenes will be chiefly from sketches made by Admiral Porter

A good story is told of Dr Holmes and Mrs Lydia Maria Child, that they first met in the parlors of Mrs John Sargent at the Radical Club "A lull in the conversation," says the writer "was interrupted by the merriest peal of laughter echoing from a small room adjoining the parlors. It proved to be Dr Holmes, who, curiously enough, had never before met the author of 'Looking Toward Sunset.' Mrs Child misunderstood the name of Dr. Holmes as he was introduced, and after some desultory conversation proceeded to criticise Dr Holmes' style in a most frank but friendly manner Finally, she declared that she thought he had greatly improved of late years. When Dr. Holmes discovered himself it was with the merry laugh worthy of the man in his poem"

The *Andover Review* for March opens with an article by ex-President Mark Hopkins, D D., on "Optimism." The subject is treated with Dr Hopkins' characteristic clearness, discrimination and force. Dr Gerhart, under "Reformation Theology," points out the difference between the revival of learning and progress in doctrine, and shows in the latter the true origins and the defects of the reformation as respects the doctrines of the scriptures of redemption This is the second in a series of very able articles, designed to point out the elements in Protestant theology which have been inherited from Medieval Dr Gerhart's analysis and criticism will command wide attention. In the department of "Religious Intelligence," Rev Mr Montgomery points out some causes of the free church movement in Sweden, and in that of "Book Notices" Professor Smyth reviews Professor Allen's "Continuity of Christian Thought." Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.

Houghton, Mifflin & Co. announce the publication of a series of books to be known as the "Riverside Aldine Series." It is to consist of the books printed by Aldus Manutius, at the close of the fifteenth and beginning of the sixteenth centuries which have ever since been regarded as models of elegance as regards the form of type and proportion of page. The books will carry no ornament, but rely for their beauty upon proportions and excellence of material. The first six numbers of the series will be as follows "Marjorie Daw, and Other Stories," Thomas Bailey Aldrich. "My Summer in a Garden," Charles Dudley Warner. "Fireside Travels," James Russell Lowell. "The Luck of Roaring Camp, and other Stories," Bret Harte. "Venetian Life," in two volumes by William Dean Howells. "Wake Robin," John Burroughs The series will be printed on fine paper, will be plainly bound in smooth cloth, and sold at the uniform price of $1 a volume The publishers hope by giving choice literature in comely form at a low price to meet with substantial recognition from the lovers of choice books.

Joseph Liggins—the person who claimed to have written "Secrets of Heroic Life," while George Eliot still preserved her anonymity—was a man of humble birth, his father being a baker at Nuneaton, Warwickshire Liggins showed some promise of talent, and, presumably by the kind influence, or at the cost of some one who thought these talents would ripen, was sent, for a time, to one of the universities. Nothing came of it, and he took up on after it to anything, the loser side of literature included, with the result of debt, and "loaning," and entire hopelessness but when the Nuneaton people, during the publication of "Clerical Scenes" in *Blackwood*, found their little town and the neighboring Arbury Hall described to the life, and found all its small local occurrences turned to poetry or picture and significance which they never could have seen for themselves, they knew the writer must have come from their midst, and, knowing but one person among them with anything to do with writing, they at once pointed to him—Joseph Liggins He gained a few dinners and suppers (much needed) by this easily-won reputation, to which perhaps he helped more by acquiescence than assertion He was an insignificant-looking little fellow, about 50 years of age, shabbily dressed, and of sleek demeanor. He died some years ago in the work-house.

A writer on portraits of the Elizabethan age says of the Queen: "Though not so tall as Mary, who seems to have been above middle height, Elizabeth had a tolerable figure, with well shaped shoulders and hands but her hooked nose, bad teeth, and small eyes must surely have been fatal to real beauty Yet she certainly delighted in her own appearance, and must have spent in the aggregate a considerable time in sitting for her portrait for in galleries and private houses we are haunted by her image, though Sir Walter Raleigh speaks of the pictures of Queen Elizabeth made by unskilful and common painters which by her own commandment were knocked in pieces and cast in the fire. The enigma of Elizabeth's character is not solved by gazing at her portrait. Something of her hare mess, her vanity, her indelicacy, may perhaps be read there. But the heroes and sages whose lives she poisoned and degraded, while they made her kingdom famous and adorned her reign, were drawn and mastered by a magic which we can dimly guess."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

PORTLAND

Charles Monteith of Albany is in the city

Mrs E C Holden of Astoria, is visiting in the city

Herman P Prail of Astoria, is in the city on a visit

T M Ellsworth and family of Corvallis are in the city

Miss Emma I Steffe of Albany is visiting friends in Salem

Miss Addie Cox returned to Independence on Thursday

Captain F B Alcott arrived from Coos Bay Thursday

Mrs J M Buckley and daughter of Tacoma, are in the city

Mr and Mrs C D Bryer of this city have located at Salem

James Coleman of St. Paul, Oregon, is visiting in the city

Company G gave a pleasant social at their hall Friday evening

A V R Snyder of the Yamhill *Reporter* was in the city Friday

John Muir returned Wednesday from an extended trip to the east.

Rev H K Hines of this city, visited Walla Walla during the week

Captain Orrin S Wood arrived home from Victoria during the week

Mr Thos Coleman of Marion county, is stopping a few days in the city

Miss Ella Stoughton of Vancouver is visiting Mrs J H Acton of this city

Mrs O I Mason is visiting In Canter as the guest of Mrs Captain Thomas

B S Clark of Buena Vista is contemplating a change of residence to Portland

Mrs Amy Cowgill of Fort Townsend has returned to Nova Scotia her old home

The Home Social club gave a dancing party Thursday evening at Holman's hall

W H Potter and family of Alpena Michigan are visiting Portland for the first time

Paul M Deady left Tuesday by the Oregon and California route on a southern trip

W C Dugan will leave for San Francisco Monday evening to be absent ten days

J R Cameron returned Wednesday from a three weeks' trip east of the mountains

Miss Mary Hess of Goldendale, is visiting Portland and will remain several months

Miss K Leland of this city is visiting Walla Walla, as the guest of Mrs Al Goldman

Mrs A I Jackson of Portland is visiting her father, George Sovereign, at Eugene City

George Newnham of Vancouver spent a few days here visiting friends during the week

Mrs Lucy McClellan of Olympia, is visiting Albany as the guest of Mrs. George Young

Judge Graham and wife and D Solis Cohen arrived from Tuesday from their eastern trip

W Lair Hill and wife of The Dalles returned home on the last steamer from San Francisco

Berry Smith and family of McMinnville have come west to this city for permanent residence

Thomas Hannah, the tanning expert, is expected to arrive home from England this week

Samuel Connell and J D Lemmon spent last Sunday on the ranch in Washington county

Master Willie Evarts will give a party in honor of his thirteenth birthday next Tuesday evening

Miss Nellie Gordon of Olympia, is paying a short visit to her aunt, Mrs Wallace, in this city

Mrs E Lafore of Salem, who has been visiting friends in the city returned home Monday last

T H McDonell and Miss M R Hawkins were registered at a Los Angeles hotel last week

Mr and Mrs A Buchanan of La Center, were visiting friends in East Portland during the week

Miss Etta Fegler of Corvallis accompanied her father on a brief trip to this city during the week

Miss Susie M Dillon returned home Wednesday from an extended visit among relatives in Eddyville

Miss Georgia Riley, of East Portland, is on Fourteen city visiting it the residence of E H James

Mrs W H H Grant of East Portland is visiting her father, C R Ward, at Pine, Linn county

Colonel E H Jeffe son who has command of the U S Shipping it on the Sound, is visiting the city

Mrs Dr Jessup of Salem visited Portland during the week as the guest of Mrs E H Wilson

O W Baldwin, a prominent resident of Ottawa Canada is in the city accompanied by his family

Mrs Burnett and daughters of Mc'y have removed to Corvallis and will remain there permanently

George Woodward and family, who have been visiting in Vermont for some time, are expected home soon

G W Gray and daughter Jennie, of Salem, arrived Thursday evening on the steamer from San Francisco

Robert A Miller, who was at one time connected with the *Hesperian* in this city, is visiting friends here.

Misses May and Lillie Carpenter of Salem, returned home Friday from a brief visit to relatives in this city.

R F Dowell and family of Jacksonville contemplate an early removal to Portland for permanent residence

James Foster and family, of East Portland have removed to The Dalles, and will make the latter city their home

The socialies held at the Baptist and Calvary churches Friday night were both largely attended and successful

Weston Wallace and Tom Robinson of McMinnville, passed through this city Tuesday on a visit to San Francisco

Mrs W J Kelly and son returned Thursday on the Queen of the Pacific, after some weeks' sojourn in San Francisco

Mrs. Frank Dekum and her son Ivan, who has been seriously ill in California, returned on the steamer Thursday evening.

Miss Jennie Beck of Dayton, Oregon, who has been visiting friends in this city for several days, returned to her home Wednesday

Colonel L S Hewlett left on the east-bound train Friday, on his way to Yakima, where he will enter on his duties at the land office

Last Wednesday evening Mr Robert Irving of Victoria, and Miss Nellie E. Durant were married in this city by Rev E Trumbull Lee

Gains Adams and wife of Moscow, Idaho territory, are visiting friends here, and will in the future make their home in or near Portland

A pleasant party was given to Willis Kapus at his home last Friday evening, in commemoration of the fourteenth anniversary of his birthday

C P Bond, well known as a conductor on the Canadian Pacific, is now in the city He arrived here a few days ago from the north, to meet his wife

Miss Lula Wilson, who is teaching school in Hillsboro, expects to spend vacation week which commenced Friday, with her parents in this city

Judge Deady, president of the board of regents of the State university, left on Friday morning to attend a meeting of the board at Eugene City

Mrs. H Bogue, of Boise City, arrived here yesterday to meet her husband and with him will go to San Francisco and New Orleans for an extended trip

The M E church livening of East Portland held an enjoyable and interesting meeting Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr Wm H Moore, on Fifth street

Mr John McCormick of Eugene City, who has been attending business college at San Francisco is in town Mr McCormick has many relatives and friends here

John Mannell returned yesterday from a trip to The Dalles, Alkali and Heppner He has been on a skating tour, and recently added to his tricks that of skating on stilts.

A P Venen, secretary of the Durand Organ company of this city, and Miss Lulu Willis of St. Joseph, Missouri, were married on Saturday evening last by Rev B W Stevenson

J C Hampton and son of Virginia City, Nevada, are among the guests at the Quimby. Mr Hampton is a merchant of Virginia City, and is here to attend to some real estate interests.

Among the passengers who arrived on the Queen Thursday, were Mrs. H C Wilson, Thomas M Moore, E. Hunnason, G W Humes, C H Meusdorffer and Charles Stewart.

The next of the course of entertainments to be given by the lyceum of Grace M E church will be a lecture by Rev J Q A Hosey, entitled "Polished Shafts" next Wednesday evening

J C Gentry, a well known turfman of Eastern Oregon, arrived from San Francisco Thursday evening, accompanied by his mother, who will in future reside with him in Eastern Oregon.

The next entertainment of the members' course of the Y M C A will be given next Monday evening, when the readings of Miss A. R. Lusc, the popular elocutionist, will form the chief attraction.

Cards are out for the wedding of Gordon H Knott, eldest son of A. J Knott of East Portland, and Miss Agnes Strawhall, the event to take place at the home of the latter on Two 'th street of this city to-morrow, the 10th inst.

TOLD IN THE DESERT.

All day long the dust covered wagon train had toiled through the wash of sand that extended for miles in every direction. At peep of day I had started from the last water hole, hoping to reach the Little Humboldt, but soon came to found the weary immigrants long before I reached the sand hills Ten miles is not a great distance in these days, and even then it seemed country it would have been but a pleasant walk for an able-bodied man But only those who have dragged through the desert under the scorching rays of a July sun can realize what Lamar lay between the tired, thirsty wayfarers and the yellow waters of the Platte

The scanty herd of worn and poor cattle were dozed out and mercilessly driven, how grudgingly was swallowed! There was a scene that followed the last of many who had moved them to and masks all their faces The women dealt sparingly of the precious fluid in order that their children's clamor might cease, and some noble men only touched their parched lips and passed the cup to their wives and little ones

One big-limbed, rude-looking unknown woman and when his hollow-eyed wife turned to lift her sick child from the friendly shade of one of the wagons, he seized the tin cup containing her scanty draught and drained it down his selfish throat The poor little woman turned in time to witness her last unkind act and greed, and with a despairing cry fell beside her babe The man chuckled at his unfeeling smartness and turned away

This piece of cruelty had not passed unseen Willing hands lifted the sobbing wife from her feet of said exertion is pressed with the her parched lips tender, loving hands care for the sick child, and brave hands of manly men clenched with indignation

"Bill Adkins" said Captain Todd, "you have been guilty of an act that no member of my party can commit."

Adkins turned and faced the captain with an angry, menacing picture Quick as a flash he was covered with a pistol He turned to the other men, but saw no friendship in their faces Then he turned himself upon the sand and eyed the captain sullenly

Captain Todd addressed his men as follows "Boys, it is plain that something must be done with this man His cruel treatment of his wife to-day is not his first but of many, though it is its worst. It is a long way to Oregon yet, and we cannot take him with us"

The captain's remarks were received with approval Glances of contempt darted from the eyes of all upon the miserable creature who had been guilty of so hearth as a dead

Adkins rose from the sand and asked "Well, what are you fellows going to do about it? I haven't committed a crime."

"You do!" replied Captain Todd "You stole from that poor girl who unfortunately bears your name her share of water"

"Well, what of it?" repeated Adkins "There isn't any law against taking water, and if there was, there is no court this side of Omaha"

"You are mistaken," calmly replied the captain "There is a court nearer than Omaha. It is here I am the Judge and these men are the jury Justice must prevail in every portion of the Union, and even though a crime be committed in the desert, if there be true American citizens present to witness that crime it will always be punished"

Right!" "Right!" "The captain is right" said the fellowers

Adkins grew pale, and turning to his wife, who was still sitting silently, he muttered

"Curse you Will you sit there, like a thing and see them all go against me, without saying a word?"

Don't, Bill, don't!" pleaded the poor woman "If you only treat me and the baby a little better I'm sure there would be no trouble I try hard to do my duty by you, but I'm afraid we never truly loved each other"

"It is useless, Adkins to try to shield yourself behind the woman," interposed Captain Todd "I now place you on trial The men of this party will serve as a jury, and the ladies may testify, for or against you, as they please"

The members of the little train gathered around and their captain, and the court was declared in session

A woman named Mrs Workman testified that a few days before when Mrs Adkins had her sick child in her arms, the prisoner had struck her with his hand

This statement was corroborated by several witnesses, who also testified to many other cruel acts at the hands of Adkins

Mrs Adkins refused to testify against her husband, sorrowfully shaking her head when asked if she had anything to say Adkins also declined to say anything in his own defense adding that it was no use, as every one was against him

"Men," said Captain Todd, when the taking of testimony had ended, "what say you? Is this man guilty of the charge or is he innocent?"

"Guilty" was the unanimous response

"It now remains," continued the captain, "to pronounce sentence. The decision of this court is that William Adkins leave this train In a few more hours we will reach the Platte. He will continue with us, under guard, until the river is reached Sufficient provisions will be given him to make the settlements. He will also be permitted to take one good saddle-horse and a rifle"

No objection was made to the sentence, as all seemed to recognize its justice Before announcing it Captain Todd, as a matter of fairness, asked Mrs. Adkins whether she desired to go with her husband or to remain with the train and join her relatives in Oregon. She replied that she desired not to be separated from her child was sick, and his cruel treatment it was more than she could endure, so she would join her kindred in Oregon

Adkins manifested some interest when this question was asked, but he anticipated its reply, and showed neither surprise nor disappointment.

The band of immigrants pushed on toward the river. At 2 o'clock they caught a glimpse of its bright surface in the distance, shining in the dazzling sunlight like a stream of quicksilver A few straggling willows and cottonwoods fringed its banks, and a herd of buffaloes were wallowing in its shallow waters. The weary band gave a faint cheer and increased their footsteps pace. Only the women and children rode, the men either walked beside the wagons and encouraged their panting oxen, or placed their shoulders against the heavy wagons and helped to lift them through drifts of sand.

The silence of the desert was oppressive There was but one sound—the monotonous rasping noise of theadry sand under the wheels. No sign of life appeared save a few lizards; not enough air stirred to flutter a ribbon Everywhere was the blinding glare of the desert, the heat of an oven, the solemn loneliness of space itself

On they toiled, with the sight of the river to cheer their terrible march Slowly the hours dragged along Four, five, six o'clock, and the goal is reached. There is still sand beneath their tired feet, but it is moist and cool. The river is warm and muddy, but its waters are delicious to parched throats and cracked lips

It was 9 o'clock the next day before the train was ready to start. Captain Todd had prepared for Adkins his horse rifle and provisions. The latter was sullen, and defiant at times

When the hour of separation arrived the captain demanded the attention of all saying:

"It is needless for me to remark it that this trouble has caused me annoyance and regret. Yet I see no other way out of the difficulty"

Then, turning to Adkins, he continued:

"Your way lies toward yonder sun, across the Plains and the Pacific. I hope you may have a safe journey"

The captain then offered Adkins his hand, which was rejected

Mrs Adkins timidly advanced toward her husband, pleading "Will, let us not part in enmity If you do not love me you need not bear me hate"

The miserable man turned from his horse and scorned the trembling woman "Do as you" he asked, "I'll be even with you for this day's work I'll follow you to the ends of the earth, if need be"

Mrs Adkins and her sick baby were placed in one of the covered wagons, the word "Forward" was given, and the little cavalcade pushed on toward the land of their dreams, the far-famed Oregon

Adkins mounted his horse, shook his clenched hand at the disappearing immigrants, and scowled his way toward the east.

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After meeting many perils and privations the immigrants reached Oregon, and Mrs Adkins almost learned to forget her past sorrows Here she was welcomed by relatives and friends, and the current of life flowed calmly along In her little daughter Anna she found a continued delight and happiness, for which she had not dared to hope in her dark days of sorrow experienced on the great plains

For several years she heard no tidings of her husband, but one day, when little Anna was seven years old, a letter came from the old home in the east It was bordered with black and announced the death of Adkins When he left his wife and child in the desert he pushed his way with safety to the nearest fort. There he enlisted as a private soldier, and it was during a fight with hostile Indians that he fell, with a bullet through his brain.

Mrs. Adkins was deeply shocked by this news, though she received it with a feeling of relief which she did not attempt to conceal. His last threat of revenge had been the one thorn in her life, and when that was removed she felt herself to be the richest of women.

The years rolled on, as the years have an unpleasant way of doing, and Anna grew to be a beautiful woman She inherited many of her father's sullen ways, but was possessed of a most lovable disposition When she was 18 years old she became the affianced bride of a young, prosperous and worthy in every respect, bachelor her heart and

A few days before the wedding Mr Adkins was walking in the evening with the groom-elect, pending her mother's home She seemed to be in a state of unusual excitement, and her husband was startled by finding her sitting before her His appearance was that of a tramp, and but faint moonlight was struggling through the rents in his ragged clothing and shining on his face, how vividly recalling Lamar lay between the two, thirsty wayfarers and the yellow waters of the Platte

"I have heard of you many times," was the quiet declaration of the stranger, in a voice of deep pathos, "but I never dreamed that you were the husband of my self-sacrificing wife and daughter"

"Who are you and what do you want?" asked the man, huskily

The man chuckled, but he replied in a voice plainly bewildered woman

"I did, madam, George Adkins, who escaped from the Ohio penitentiary three months ago, and who has been leading an a merry chase for several weeks"

"I have lifted a great load from my mind," said Mrs Adkins, in a tone of deep gratitude She then informed the detective of the prisoner's threats and claims, and invited him to visit her brother's home before he returned to the east.

It was afterwards learned that the prisoner was a brother of William Adkins that the latter had told the former of his wife in Oregon, and of his threat of vengeance, and the prisoner taking advantage of the strong resemblance he bore to his brother, had endeavored to extort money from Mrs. Adkins

Anna's marriage was celebrated without interruption She and her husband are now living in Portland, as happy and contented as it falls to the lot of mortals to be Mrs' Adkins' life has had its shadows since the night of the interview with the escaped convict She seldom recalls those dark days in the desert, and when she does it is with a feeling of profound thankfulness that they are gone, never to return

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BILL NYE WAIVES A FILTHY HABIT.

I have again renounced the pernicious and terrible tobacco habit. Most every year I quit smoking and lead a different life for several weeks, and it is a pleasure I would not forego The joy of busting a long-established habit and asserting a manly independence of it for three weeks, is a good thing

Tobacco is a filthy weed—that as, it is a poisonous and vexatious plant this week. It will be so till further notice. I remember very well the struggle I had to break off last winter. Our doctor told me I never would have flesh enough on my bones to make a shrimp if I didn't stop the use of tobacco, so I stopped. For weeks I was uncertain about whether I would renounce the pipe or not. It was a solace to me when I was lonely, it gave me much pleasure, and seemed to me, after a stormy and tempestuous career as postmaster, to be a very mild sort of vice. But I was sad to get fat, so one day when I was over at Bostjack camp I threw my pipe over into the woods as far as the strength of a great resolution could send it.

I can still remember how it went hustling through the air, and how I went hustling through the air, the following week, on my hands and knees, hunting for it

It was about those days that I rashly resolved to keep a diary It hardly shows the marks of use, but I will sell it at a reasonable price to anyone desiring an easy running diary, with a place in it to stick the pencil when not in use I quote two entries from the same

January 1, 1884—Have resolved to go the use of tobacco and to keep a diary showing what I did each succeeding day I also desire to keep a strict record here of my various private expenses, so that I may know from month to month where my money has gone

January 2—How gloomy everything looks to-day Made several New Year's calls yesterday and am told In my unregulated mental, perhaps, I did but it was unintentional and not premeditated, however, yesterday I feel much better without tobacco in any form Think I am gaining flesh I do not notice it so much in my body but my head and feet are certainly much larger than they were when I quit the use of tobacco

Now how much more happy and light-hearted we are when we are not under the thralldom of an old vice that has clung to us for years like—like a vice, as it were Paid fifty cents for a pound of marshmallows to gladden the children's hearts and, while in a sea brown study on the way home, ate them all When I quit the use of tobacco I notice that I want to eat everything I see. Came very near eating the infant class at the Sabbath school yesterday

Jan 3—I am getting a little bit irritable I notice, and several of my friends have called my attention to it A policeman first mentioned it to me down town. Guess we can fix it for $5 or $6. I shall have to get a new coat and, perhaps, a new nose. I cannot tell just as to the nose. When the swelling goes down, so I can see over it better, I shall be better able to judge At present it shuts out the landscape a good deal and gives me a sinister expression

Jan. 4—Went out walking in the woods today. The air was crisp and frosty. I strolled over about where I threw my pipe along in the latter part of the year '83 I did not want the pipe, and yet, when I found it, after searching three or four hours, I felt a secret thrill of pleasure I do not know why. I brought it home thinking it might be convenient for some one who had no pipe, and who might still be a slave to the abominable habit. I have in my mind a party who I might thus be benefited He is a young man of great promise, and no one knew him but to love him, none name him but to praise. I will save the pipe for him He will be pleased and gratified. He is my wife's first husband

When I started on I announced in this volume that I would quit the use of tobacco and keep a diary I shall continue to do so, making, however, a slight change in the arrangement, by which I shall keep the tobacco and quit the use of the diary This diary is now for sale. Smoking tobacco taken in exchange. No additional charge for the four days' work already done on the work.

CURRENT FUN.

A MAN OF PENETRATION

"Nice man, Jones"

"Yes, nice many great pene—tration"

"Indeed?"

"Yes, he's in the artesian well business

KNEW HOW DEADLY HE WAS

Pakir—Don't you quit to buy somedrugs Do—No I vos got everything I need Pakir—Don't you vos to buy some poison Do—I need it vos gone

A DEFINITE OFFICIAL

Texan—"I trust, sir you don't mean to call me a liar?"

Stranger—"And if I did call you a liar, what would you do about it?"

"I'd do my duty under the law, sir"

"And what is that?"

"Hold an inquest over your remains, sir I am the corroner here"

IT SHORTENS THE MEMORY

Philadelphia Call

Jones—"I am not sure sing as much as I was My physician says that smoking shorte is the memory"

"Smith—"So I have noticed"

"In my case?"

"Yes"

"You surprise me What have you observed?"

"I have observed that no matter how often I see you the cigar you always forget to treat back"

TWENTY-FIVE FOR TWO

Yankee Statesman

"How do you like the cigar?"

"First rate How much did you give for it?"

"Twenty-five for two"

"Two for a quarter, eh?"

"No, no you don't understand me Twenty-five cigars for two cents"

The smoking car of the party of the second part was speedily terminated

A HINT TO EXTRAVAGANT HUSBANDS

Philadelphia Call

Mrs De Boggs—What queer people there are in this world

Mr De Boggs—Any more cranks turned up

Mrs De Boggs—I have just read an account of a Chicago woman who never wears a dress costing over $6, and yet she is worth $ 00,000

Mr De Boggs—No wonder she is worth $6,000 000 She probably saved it

A LEFT-HANDED JOKE

Texas Siftings

Johnny—I don't think I want to belong to your class Miss Mary

School Teacher—Why not, Johnny?

Johnny—Because you hold your pencil in your left hand and it would make it awkward for us

School Ma'am—It is not awkward for me to use it left hand

Johnny—I saw what I for me I am not accustomed to being spanked by left-handed women

WHAT'S GOOD LATIN?

Put this down, grate he, sed
In Sabbat meditation
I left the room, the siren raised
And said: What a vocation!

He never slowly beat his head
And with so deprivation
He kissed her on the lips and said
Swo! love that's Latin!

Then while he sat with his head in
His wife crept down the stairs
She said: I thought it must be that
Or something pretty near it

Detroit Free Press

BELL FOR IN POLITICS

Merchant Traveler

Uncle Ben was a colored man who talked politics, while his wife talked religion One day she was grumbling because the preacher had worked some political matter into his sermon

"Preachas hasn't got no business" he said "to be mixin' po'itics an' religion They hasn't called to take de stump fo' de Lawd"

"Why not, honey, ten," replied his wife "Wish I had a dey see anything wrong, dat is what I does mus' be"

"Ob co'se, but what if some dey done de politerics? Hun't yo' afins tellin' me de gem men I votes wid a wicked man?"

"Co'se I is, but ef all yo 'publicans is so wicked with de region, what d yo be wid us but?"

"Deed, Mandy, I'se not 'pared to say as to dat,but specs we'd be democrats.

HER INTENTIONS WERE GOOD

"Of course I have no objections to your having a beau, Jennie," said a fond father to his marriageable daughter, "but you must no. keep him so late Keeping a fire running all night lengthens the coal bill, you know."

"That is true, pa," gurgled the fair girl "but I had thought of that and consequently have been very economical with the gas The saving in gas will offset the additional expenditure in coal, and I must do George the justice to say that his views entirely coincide with mine in practical economy in the matter of light."

"You foolish girl," said the father, "how little you know Let me inform you, my child, that the gas bill never diminishes, no matter how little you burn."

"Still you must admit, pa, that my intentions were good."

"Certainly, my child. Kiss me and we'll say no more about it."

OF COURSE THEY WERE

The passengers for some time had been regarding the affectionate gestures of a young couple who occupied a seat near the center of the car It was evident that they loved each other to death, and the bold glitter in the fellow's eye indicated that when a dark tunnel came along he was going to bite the dimple in the girl's cheek Just then the train stopped at a station and the incoming passengers speedily found seats, saving two ladies who came in late, to find themselves occupying a stand-up ticket. They stopped just behind the seat of the lovelorn couple and glanced beatantly about for a vacant pew. Then one of the ladies softly said

"They seem to be engaged."

The loverlike couple separated like a flash, and the girl, with a very red face, angrily retorted

"If of course we are You don't s'pose I'd set here letting him squeeze my hand in public if we wasn't, do you?"

The ladies were petrified, but the other passengers took it all in and there was a burst of applause that stopped the train

SYMPTOMS OF LOVE

Texas Siftings

Pete Jackson is a colored man working for Tiff Johnson on Onion creek Swayback Lucy is also employed by Tiff as a house servant. They are very confidential with Tiff and the rest of all about their private affairs. A few days ago Pete vanished mysteriously at Tiff and, taking him off to one side, said to him "Master Johnson, I wants to confide a great secret to yer" "What is it, Pete?" "I'se got a notion to ask Swayback Lucy to marry me." "Do you think she reciprocates your affection?" "What did yer say she did?" "Do you think she loves you as much as you do her?" "That's what I 'spicions" "Dat she tell you so?" "No but she must jess as well tab tole me so. When she was goin' 'roun de yard I punched her wid a pitchfork, and she said 'G'way, yer black nigger I doan want yer bab yer about me.' I tells yer, Mr Johnson, dat when a woman tells yer to go 'way she wants yer to yer stay right dar. Dey am de contrariest critters in de world" "So you think that is a symptom of love, do you?" "I does, sah, for a fact." Shortly afterward another negro woman heard Swayback Lucy singing away for dear life in the yard as happy as a bird. "What is matter wid you?" "I tells yer, Aunt Sukey, I believes Pete Jackson wants yer marry me" "Has he done tole yer so?" "Not but he must jess well hab tole me so He punched me wid de pitchfork. I tells yer dat means sumfin"

SMALL TALK.

It is not considered stylish to wear a cuff on the ear.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

"Every cloud has a silver lining." That's where the clouds get away with vest-pockets.—Puck.

The man who put ashes on an icy sidewalk makes for himself a road to heaven.—Boston Courier

What an exciting time it must have been when Noah shouted, "All aboard"—San Francisco Ingleside.

The only stain upon Jonah's reputation is that the whale was glad to get rid of him.—Fall River Advance

Mrs. Laura J. Arnold, the only living sister of Stonewall Jackson, is an inmate of a sanitarium at Columbus, Ohio.

Scene Untenden Linden, Berlin. A countryman applies to a student to direct him the shortest way to the police station. "Just step into the jeweler's shop across the road, transfer then walk straight out, and you will get there in a few minutes."

Mrs Spooner, wife of the senator from Wisconsin, is said to possess a highly cultivated and much admired soprano voice.

The idea arises in the morning, nestles up in his worm, but the man of wisdom gets up and earns enough on coal to buy his wife a bonnet. Did you lose your limb going to war, Mr Sampson?" "No," replied he, "I lost it coming down in a balloon."

"Was your speech extemporeo?" "Oh, I wrote it off last night and commit ted it to memory this morning"—Boston Budget.

Into balls are not much different from the parties in general The first thing you do if is the mashing—Boston Transcript.

What shall I do?" writes an anxious reader. I keep my hair from coming out. Come home at 9 o'clock man—Rockland Gazette.

A man may be as full of piety as a school book and still look wicked when he has a mouthful of cayenne pepper in his sidewhiskers.—Ledger.

"I want to sleep," says a scientific writer, "I take nothing." But this is a mistake. I want to sleep to think it is time to get up.—Philadelphia Call.

Mrs Isabel Hayward an English lady has been engaged as professor of elocution in a Cincinnati law school, and the innovation has been received with favor.

Why do they call Sullivan's last glove fighting mill?" the miller's son wanted to know. Mr. I rose than grist."—Brooklyn Eagle

Taking one thing with another," said the sporting burglar remarked, when he was in the cooler locked up in the prison cell, "there is no business like that of the burglar for a man who has a genius for removal."—Buffalo Express.

For seven years a New Hampshire farmer has been a citizen of half a mile twice a day rather than pass a powder-house. He says he is afraid that it had been empty all those years.

"I have neither time nor inclination to write panegyrics on the deceased," remarked the editor. "Panegyrics," corrected a person who was present, please, sir," remarked the orator, "the words are anonymous."—Worcester Gazette

Notice the wicked man these lofty days, with his head how proudly erect he is! The righteous fall and perish all about him, as for him, he feareth not. Hath he any scriptural assurance that the wicked are in slippery places?"—Lowell Citizen.

An exchange says "There are at present three members of the British house of commons who have sat for a period of fifty consecutive years and one of these times they will have to sit around a little. It's a perfect wonder they haven't cramps in the legs.—San Francisco Chronicle

"A demented man recently rushed on the stage during an address by a woman's rights lecturess in Sheboygan and kissed her fondly," says a press dispatch It strikes us that the word 'demented' in that case is superfluous. Something ought to be left to the reader's imagination.—Old City Derrick.

Language, you know, was given to conceal our thoughts, and you never can tell when so intensely as you do when you see the first sun down in the west and hear him mildly ejaculate, "Dear me! Something pretty near it, you bet!

"Your conduct surprises me!" exclaimed the good old farmer when he caught a young rolling his apple orchard.

"No more than your appearance surprises me," replied the incorrigible youth, as he lit out for home.—Lowell Citizen.

The Italians believe that maternity is the highest woman of her voice The Italians should come to this country and listen to a rural mother with her children, who are playing a mile distant. When a cyclone hears her shouting along it knows it must either turn out or get wrecked.—Norristown Herald.

"Anything up this morning?" asked a reporter as he poked his head in at the door. Nothing but the price of coal," was the gloomy response

And the mercury down where, as before couldn't reach it.—Rockland Gazette.

Important passenger—Say, pilot, what's the boat stopped for?"

Pilot—too much fog

Important passenger—But I can see the other bank

Pilot—Well till the biler busts we can't get that way—Life

"I take pleasure in your butter, indeed," remarked the smart and classical young lady to her landlady.

"Why?" asked the latter

"It brings to mind ancient grease," replied the young lady, and she left the house with the air of a Roman matron in the days of the Burg Chronicle

A young dude lawyer, who has left his clothes with an uncle, is preparing for a call and was seen in the pawnshop the other day. "Is he here to prosecute?" asked a friend of the shopkeeper "On the contrary," said the gentleman, "he comes here to wilt."—New Orleans Picayune.

"Shall I put a small or big head on the circle?" said the telegraph editor.

Just then a poet timidly opened the door, the unassuming editor sang out

"Put a big head on it."

The poet ducked back and went upstairs.—New York Sun.

"How are you, Smith?" asked an Avenue man of a friend he had not seen for nearly a year. "How are all the folks? You as sweet upon Miss Jones as you used to be?"

"No, no I left that off several months ago. Have a quarrel?"

"No! I married her last August."—Detroit Graphic.

A citizen who had been playing cards one night before, dropped a blue check into the contribution-box by mistake. After the meeting went to the deacon who had passed the box and told him of the mistake. "So it's a dollar in its place," he said, "and not a dime, as the matter quiet." "No; you don't," replied the deacon," ignoring the money question, "that's a blue check—it's worth five dollars."

Confectioner—"Remember that all the candy is in this case. New Clerk—"Do you get it fresh?" "Fresh? Why, we make it, of course." "But I thought Boston candy was imported" "Oh, no We make it ourselves." "But, then, why is it called Boston candy" Do the ingredients come from there?" "Well, I don't know may be the ingredients paris does?"—N Y Independent.

"Am I on the right road to the village?" demanded a traveler of an old darky who was working in a field "Yes, sah," said the darky. The traveler pursued his way, but presently turned very

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The Oregonian.

SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 15, 1885

TO THE PUBLIC.

The following statement has been put in circulation

We hereby agree to furnish THE DAILY OREGONIAN to Mr Riley at the same price as charged Mr Mularkey the former contractor, that is Five cents per copy. And he is authorized to sell them at ten cents per copy

H. L. PITTOCK
Manager OREGONIAN Publishing Co

The above will show that it is the intention of the manager of THE OREGONIAN Publishing Co to force THE DAILY OREGONIAN to be sold at ten cents per copy on the Oregon & California railroad trains. This I refuse to do. When they make such terms as will enable me to sell their paper at their established price, five cents per copy, I will handle them

RILEY
Railroad News Contractor

The above statement by Mr Riley conveys to the public and was intended by him to convey an erroneous impression as to a business matter between THE OREGONIAN and himself. He has acquired the right to sell newspapers on the trains of the Northern Pacific, the O R & N, and O & C railroads. His right to sell on the O & C has just been acquired from a former contractor. It is the desire of the proprietors of THE OREGONIAN that the paper shall be sold everywhere for five cents. Such was the original arrangement with the former contractor for the sale on the O & C. But after a time he declined to sell it for five cents, and said he would charge ten. He was then informed that if he sold the paper for ten cents he could not have it from the office at the discount allowed to news dealers. Therefore he has been paying the office five cents and selling at ten, though we would have preferred greatly to let him have it at news agents rates, on condition that it be sold at five.

A few days ago Mr Riley succeeded to the former contractor's right to sell on the O & C. When he was told he could have the paper at agents rates on condition that he would sell it at five cents he attempted to answer this with the bluster that "if he paid us for the paper it was none of our damned business what price he sold it for." From that conclusion we dissented. He was reminded that the paper had been furnished him to sell on the O R & N and Northern Pacific even below regular rates made to agents on his promise that he would sell it for five cents but he had not kept his agreement. On the contrary he had long been perpetrating a swindle, both on the office and on the public, by selling the paper at ten cents, and often at fifteen, on pretense that change could not be made and we did not want that sort of business done on the O & C. Then he said he would try to get his boys to sell at five cents, but couldn't be with them couldn't control them, and more stuff of that kind. After an infinite deal of twaddle on his part with continual attempts at dodging and equivocation, two propositions were made to him. One of them was to the effect that if he would give us assurance that the paper should be sold at five cents he should have it at the reduced rate given to all agents—namely, three cents a copy. The other proposition was intended to meet on the O & C the swindling game that he practises on the O R & N and Northern Pacific, in other words to prevent him from getting the paper at a low rate under verbal promise of selling at five cents and then dishonestly charging ten cents for it. With his customary duplicity he has given to the public one of the propositions and suppressed the other—thus endeavoring to give out the false impression that the manager of THE OREGONIAN insists on having the paper sold on the cars at ten cents when, in fact, the paper has long been outraged and the public has long been swindled, by Mr Riley's action in charging ten cents for it contrary to his agreement with the office.

He now says in his card to the public that when the manager of THE OREGONIAN "makes such terms as will enable him to sell the paper at the established price five cents per copy he will handle it." He can get the paper at any time on precisely the same terms made to all other news agents all of whom, so far as we know sell at five cents. But he must sell at five cents as others do and not insist on leaving open a loop hole in the agreement as to the O & C through which he can extend to that road the swindle both upon the public and THE OREGONIAN which he practices in his transactions on the O R & N and the Northern Pacific. Multitudes who have traveled over those roads know that they have been obliged to pay ten cents for the paper, and in some instances fifteen. This swindle shall not be carried to the O & C with THE OREGONIAN'S consent. If Mr Riley will sell the paper for five cents he shall have it for three—the rate charged to all other news dealers, but if he is going on to charge ten cents for it he shall go the office five cents or not sell it at all. And besides inasmuch as he has broken his agreement as to selling the paper on the O R & N and Northern Pacific, he has been informed that a bond to sell it at five cents on the O & C—if the paper is furnished him at the discount to news-dealers—will be required. We want no more bad faith and no more swindling.

The prohibitory law which has been in force in Iowa since last July is confessedly not a success. It is enforced in only a few counties in others it is openly disregarded, with no efforts on the part of the authorities to enforce it in a few, spasmodic attempts are made to enforce it, but with indifferent success. Throughout the state liquor is sold openly and in large cities and towns the number of saloons has increased rather than diminished. In some cities and towns the law is openly repudiated and a license law is really enforced in its place, but in nearly all parts of the state the liquor traffic is in full blast, with no check of any kind upon it, and no revenue therefrom accruing to the local treasuries. One result is that the municipalities are embarrassed for funds to carry on their governments. In a few rural communities, public sentiment is strongly enough opposed to liquor selling to secure the enforcement of the law, but everywhere else its presence upon the statute book is a farce, the influences of which is demoralizing and harmful. This is the experience of every state in which a prohibitory law has been enacted.

The Michigan lumber merchants, foreseeing the decay of forests in the peninsular state, have been conferring with the Central and Union Pacific railways concerning rates, and prospecting in California and Oregon for timber lands. The information gained has been so satisfactory that a commission has been appointed to go to California for final settlement of titles. About $8,000,000 will it is said, be invested in virgin California forests by the commission. The people of the eastern states have looked upon the timber of the coast as their dependence in the future. With a canal across Nicaragua, lumber could be profitably shipped to Atlantic ports.

Governor Wilson of West Virginia, in his inaugural message, was very severe upon the Baltimore and Ohio and the Chesapeake and Ohio railroads, claiming that their discriminations in rates had done more injury to the material interests of the state than all other causes combined.

RAILWAY PROBLEMS IN THE EAST

The idea of regulating railroads by legislation, though first applied in the west, has worked its way towards the east. Both Massachusetts and New York have railway commissions and now Pennsylvania wants a railroad law. The outside world, which has long been in the habit of regarding the Pennsylvania Central as being virtually the state of Pennsylvania, will be surprised to know that a strong fight is waging against that and other corporations. Delegations from the commercial bodies of the cities are importuning the legislature to put an end to railway abuses. The city of Philadelphia in her corporate capacity has taken a hand in the fight and has sent a council committee to Harrisburg to urge the passage of a railroad law. The entire state is warmly discussing the subject.

They are not fighting against extortionate rates in Pennsylvania, however. There the evil is discrimination, in all its odious phases. The Pennsylvania Central, which has long been regarded as being owned by and run in the interest of Philadelphia, has united with the Reading to send coal to distant Boston and sell it at $3 a ton, when they charge at Philadelphia, only a few miles from the mines, $4 80, or $1 05 a ton more. This means death to the manufacturing interests of Philadelphia, unless a remedy is found. Coal is the breath of life to her industries, whose output amounts to more than the entire gold and silver production of the country. Labor is higher in Philadelphia than in Boston or New York, and if coal is also to be kept more than one-fourth higher she cannot long compete with those cities. The textile manufacturers, alone employing 70,000 men, tell the legislative committee that they will have to greatly reduce wages to make up for this discrimination against them on coal.

This is not the only sort of discrimination under which the city and state suffer. Philadelphia goods are frequently shipped east to New York in order to get a cheap rate to the west, and they actually come back through Philadelphia on their westward journey. Pittsburg complains that the road has made her a way station, although she has a larger freight tonnage than New York. Discrimination between individuals, papers has grown up all over the state. In every town there is one shipper in each line of business who receives a rebate which enriches him while it impoverishes his neighbors. These rebate beneficiaries are swarming to Harrisburg and will move heaven and earth to prevent legislation.

The state may abate these local evils, but it cannot reach those of inter-state commerce. Unless congress can be induced to act remedies for these last are quite hopeless.

RHETORICAL FACILITY.

Professor Swing declares that Chicago is a religious city "containing a breadth and sweetness of Christian faith not common upon earth." This statement is challenged by the *News* which says "The present condition of Chicago is known to all our readers. The open gambling houses, the unhampered saloons, the saturnalia of vice and debauchery within hearing of the central police station, and the 'fine work' of our elections are all parts of one vile system which makes the modern city the pest house of civilization. What is true of Chicago is measurably true of all the others."

The statement of Professor Swing illustrates one of the striking defects of a class of preachers whose thoughts naturally fall into rhetorical form in which accuracy is sacrificed to fine and easy phrasing. Mr Beecher has this defect in a marked degree. He is capable of using the English language in a strong, terse and exact manner but his facility is so great that he is often caught up by his words and borne along far beyond the limits of sober truth. If he had less rhetorical facility and could only speak "like the breaking up of a hard winter," he might never have exposed himself by his letters to the dreadful suspicions which the failure of the jury to convict did not dispel, and perhaps would never have so pained his friends by speeches and sermons. Almost every preacher who has departed from the orthodox faith has been a rhetorician. The *reductio ad absurdum* of the rhetorical facility was reached by the good old deacon, who prayed that an invalid lady of the congregation might recover her health and be able to "go about as a roaring lion, seeking whom she might devour." He was caught up by the expression "go about," which was natural enough for him to use in that connection, and the expression carried him in to the end of the verse.

Professor Swing is an intelligent man, and doubtless knows all that the *News* says about Chicago. But he could not speak of the city without using some captivating phrase, and "breadth and sweetness" are words that he could hardly fail to employ. His rhetoric would probably compel him to say of Carter Harrison what Luther Taylor of Boston said of his son-in-law Judge Russell, that "he is a very sweet sinner."

THE SOUTH AND GENERAL GRANT

The democratic newspapers of the south adopt a much more dignified and respectful tone in speaking of General Grant than the democratic press of Oregon. The Mobile *Register* says that the south has ceased to look at its past political career. "We look beyond that and behold the brave and skillful soldier, the victorious, but generous and considerate general. We are not blind to General Grant's faults, we do not forget that his administration caused us much trouble and wrong but we do not dwell to think of these things now. He was general of the armies of the United States, he was president of the United States, and is therefore entitled to respect. He was generous and magnanimous in his treatment of the vanquished at Appomattox, he has suffered from reverses of fortune and is now suffering from painful disease, he is therefore entitled to sympathy."

The Charleston, South Carolina *News and Courier*, speaking of his restoration to rank and pay says: "We hope that General Grant, in his dire illness will be cheered and encouraged by this token of the confidence and affection of his countrymen. It comes to him from a reunited people as no other public honor has come. Those who followed Lee are as gratified as those who wore the blue at the crowning honor awarded to General Grant. It will allow a glorious life to draw serenely to a peaceful close." Our Charleston contemporary also says of General Grant that "as the champion of the sanctity of the confederate parole, he will always be held in loving recollection. If the southern people can forgive General Grant for preventing the success of their attempt to destroy the union it would seem as if the Oregon democrats might. The south is also putting the Oregon democrats to shame by recognizing the true character and work of Abraham Lincoln. The Columbia, South Carolina, *Register* speaks of Lincoln as "the noble, magnanimous old man," and of "his ever revered name."

The special so-called "commercial journal," as seen in the west, is usually a miracle of hebetudinal stupidity, and prints from one hundred to two hundred and fifty copies a week. It is commonly conducted by some "dead beat," on paltry pretenses. Its so-called "commercial news" is invariably taken from daily journals, is marred in the attempted transformation, and is from a week to a month old. It is generally managed by some spry from the east, who boasts of his "superior business training, and, though he couldn't get credit for a week's washing, assumes to talk for the great business interests of the city to which he has tramped last, and speaks with severity of those whom he calls irresponsible.

Chauncey M Depew told the New York Farmers' Association that he didn't believe that the Americans would ever become a wine drinking people. He said the dwellers in our cities might need "bracing up" of this kind, but there was in quantity and intoxicating quality in our wine and beer and that made stimulants for the great mass of our people at once dangerous and unnecessary.

It is not generally remembered, in considering present events in the east, that England is the leading Mohammedan power in the world having more Moslem subjects than Turkey and Persia combined. This fact alone makes it of vital importance that English prestige shall be maintained, and that the present campaign against the false prophet shall terminate in success. The Mohammedan states of India are far from being in as submissive a frame of mind as the friends of English rule would desire, and before affairs in the Soudan assumed a favorable aspect, the possibility of an outbreak in India was already under discussion. It is essential, therefore, to the integrity of English dominion in Hindostan that Great Britain should hold her own in Egypt.

THE WAR CLOUD.

England and Russia are disturbed about their respective rights in Afghanistan, although there is not yet much reason to believe that those great powers will resort to war in order to settle differences of opinion. The subject has been referred to a joint commission of English and Russian representatives.

The existing difficulty is chiefly due to political jealousy. The geographical position of Afghanistan and the peculiar character of its people invest the country with a strategical and political importance which can hardly be overestimated in the affairs of India and central Asia. The four principal cities, Cabool, the capital, Ghuzni, Candahar and Herat, guard the highways of commerce between India and central and western Asia and Persia.

Under these circumstances both England and Russia recognize the importance of controlling Afghanistan. As long ago as 1838 England interfered in its customary manner with the self-government of the country, by helping one petty prince to deepoil the others, and then compelling his allegiance to the British cause. But not until 1870 was this policy much of a success in Afghanistan. At that time a treaty of alliance was made with the principal chieftain, Sheer Ali, and the English have now more nominal authority than Russia.

But Afghanistan is still a field for diplomacy and fighting with the two great powers, to whom the petty princes render an inconstant allegiance. Russia is extending its dominion in Central Asia, and is jealous and watchful. There is abundant excuse for conflict if conflict is sought. But these great powers are hardly prepared at the present time to enter upon a deadly struggle for supremacy in Asia.

THE CONFEDERATE DOCUMENTS

The first instalment of the new confederate documents, hitherto announced, is printed today. Relating to the last period of the war, they show how desperate the situation had become in the judgment of the leaders, how utterly exhausted the states were and how unable to resist the enormous pressure of the national armies, how dissatisfied the people were with the confederate government, how they distrusted its efficiency, and how the state authorities were disposed to take such action as they could without looking to the central government for relief.

The situation, in fact, was one of desperation. The losses of the war had been enormous. A united people had made every possible exertion, yet nothing could stay the tide. The confederate army of the north was held by Grant at Richmond, the western army under Hood had been annihilated by Thomas, Sherman was marching through the country almost unopposed, the boys between 15 and 17, and the old men between 50 and 60, had been pressed into the service, and the whole power of resistance of the south had been exhausted. As General Grant expressed it, the confederacy, to recruit its armies, had "robbed the cradle and the grave." The pride of a people, who had boasted that they were unconquerable, was broken. Every man of intelligence saw the dark shadow of the great coming event. These important documents belong to this momentous period. They are the most interesting of all recent contributions to the history of the war.

An item in the New York *Sun* gives this curious and startling revelation. The United States has 17,000 dentists, who use a ton of gold and five tons of other metals and make 4,000,000 artificial teeth annually. Only one American in eighty is found to have perfect teeth, and one-third of the population make more or less use of the artificial product." A ton of gold may be an exaggeration, but one thing is certain, what is used runs into millions. Of course, all of it is buried or cremated. If we keep on filling our teeth with gold, how long will it take to exhaust the supply? This is a question which dentists have discussed more than once, but nothing much has come of it.

The question was raised in conversation whether the Philadelphia *Times* was an independent democratic or an independent republican paper. "It ought to be regarded as a democratic," said one, for it supported Tilden and Hancock and—and—what's the name of that man who is president now?" It was conclusive enough.

Maine, which has long had a stringent law prohibiting the sale of liquor, appears to be making about the usual rate of prohibition progress. There are at present two hundred and sixteen saloons in Portland alone!

A new and interesting experiment is to be tried by the new secretary of the navy. He will ascertain whether Standard oil will still the troubled waters.

The iron has at last entered the soul of Mr Hendricks. Now for the first time he realizes that he is indeed "the tail of the ticket."

Does hope deferred make the heart sick? Ask the democratic pilgrims who have gone to Washington to get the offices.

ARMY NEWS.

Matters of Interest Pertaining to the Military—Official Changes in the Regular Army.

Lieutenant W Stiles U S M, 1st cavalry and Mrs Stiles are visiting relatives at El Paso, Texas.

Captain C P P well engineer corps, has his leave extended fifteen days and will not return to Portland for several days.

It is stated in the *Army and Navy Journal* that Dr Sparling's son Fred is about to go to China to enter the Chinese naval service.

Captain Francis B. Taylor, 1st Artillery, has gone to Washington, and with him the officers of the new administration, who are political chums of his.

Lieut G M Stoney U S N, and party, arrived in San Diego some days ago from the east a few days ago and is making preparations for his expedition to Alaska.

Lieutenant C H Bonesteel 21st infantry and wife, and Major G M Downey 21st infantry with his wife, have returned to their stations from a visit to the east.

Colonel George P. Andrews, First art illery now stationed on this coast, is preparing to turn over his command at the Presidio of San Francisco on March 22, the date of his retirement from active service.

Captain Charles F Keller, Second United States infantry, and family of Fort Spokane have arrived in Mobile, Ala. and will spend a few months there, the captain having recently availed himself of a six months' leave.

The death of Major Joseph Taylor of the adjutant general's department creates a vacancy for some meritorious officer in some of the branches of the line. Captain Frank D Baldwin of the Fifth infantry is a possible selection for the vacancy.

The statement that Lieutenant Muhlenburg, Second infantry, is on trial for duplication of pay accounts it seems has its origin found in an item in the gossip of a Walla Walla newspaper reporter. The friends of Lieutenant Muhlenburg feel confident of his acquittal on the charges, which are said to be petty and matters only an hour past.

Brigadier General Delos B Sackett, inspector-general of the army died on Sunday last. General Sackett entered the army from West Point, July 1, 1846, as a brevet 2d lieutenant in the 3d dragoons and rose to the last rank January 2, 1864. For months while engaged in duty at Major R P Hughes' recruiting depot and Fort Lawton infantry Colonel Nelson A. Miles will succeed Colonel Sackett as inspector-general.

A pretty cutaway basque to slender figures is fashioned in the throat down, with long revers either side. The full blouse vest underneath is held down by a Swiss girdle of velvet or plush. The sleeves have a cuff of marvellous elbow effect, with a trimming of velvet above and below. Quite frequently the edge of the cutaway basque is velvet-trimmed to correspond.

THE OPERA.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.

Amidst the sounding of trumpets, clash of cymbals and the rejoicing of the people,

HER MAJESTY'S OPERA COMPANY

has taken possession of San Francisco. Society at large has had but one goal in view—the Grand Opera house, and the specialist, also at large, have devoted themselves to taking society there by the most expensive route.

There has been but one topic of general interest and the atmosphere is so laden with operatic discussion and anticipation that the very morning it will waft through your open window the words "Patti," "Nevada," "Scalchi," "Wax" "Albretta." No one has dreamed of shopping but for the graceful opera cloak, the ostrich plume, the long glove, and the *bouquet de corsage* and, oh! yes—the cut-glass smelling bottle. Everybody who did not buy a picture of Patti bought one of Emma Nevada, and it was a toss of neither of these, then it was of Fursch Madi.

The newspapers exhausted all their adjectives before the season opened, and this morning's editions have been but another blast or the sounding horn of praise with a long additional toot for society, in which everybody's dress was pronounced more elegant than any of the others.

It was thought by many that Colonel Mapleson was a little inconsiderate to open the season on the first of the month, since most of our young society fellows are in the habit of leaving town regularly at that time, and many of them listened to Patti, Monday night, at great inconvenience to themselves—and their friends.

And so all the world in gay attire went to hear the opera of

"MARIE DE CHICAMOUSIX"

Interpreted by the greatest of prima donnas, and, would you believe it! half the world came away disappointed.

Here is an opportunity for social reflection. *Your Commencer*—there was not half as great a crowd as all the wild enthusiasm gave one a right to expect. We did not really want our love y dresses torn from our shoulders as during last season—you understand—and yet we were not pleased because the jam was not big enough to make such a misfortune possible. Wait a moment. I am not strictly truthful. I did hear, above the dull sound of the passing of many feet, over the the excited gabble of those speculators who, to put it directly, "got left," and with the craze of dead loss full upon them, were calling their tickets off at $2 50 apiece, above all this, I say, and more noise beside, I heard a sharp, crackling report, which to my feminine ear could mean only the entire destruction of silken fabric, accompanied by a plaintive feminine wail."

"GONE AT THE GATHERS."

Then, again, to take San Francisco and pick her to pieces as an individual, one may say that she is fickle as she is fair, and as cruel as she can be gracious. This western city, at which the elder eastern sisters sometimes laugh, is no "light, easy" presence to face, and though a San Francisco triumph may be but a small scalp to hang at the belt of a world-famed artist, there are yet some among those celebrities who could confess that a San Francisco snub is not a pleasant trifle. I am a little too vehement for my subject, and drifting here into glittering generalities. I would say that San Francisco, like most people who are given to excessive enthusiasms, is also wont to cool, and San Francisco was cool to Madame Adelina Patti, and even allowed a few of its cultivated voices to declare themselves quite unthrilled by "Home, Sweet Home," sung from the top of the great Corinthian.

"I would much rather hear Nilsson," said one of the most prominent vocalists of this city, and I envied her her opportunity of comparison.

"Linda" was not what we wished to hear, and the desire to see the promised Semiramide in her place gave us a sort of grudge against the little country girl. And, *apropos*, was a sweet-voiced country girl, with what small training! Five years at the *conservatorio* of Paris, at the very least, Linda must have had before she could warble and trill and "arpeg—e"—as Donizetti wills her to do. *Peluso!* it is absurd, and so is Donizetti, very often.

Patti's voice has been worn threadbare—do not misunderstand me, I mean as a subject for criticism, or rather, discussion, since it has been pronounced beyond the

FINGER OF CRITICISM

I was not struck dumb, as I fancied I should be, however—perhaps because, as I said before, the house was so chillingly polite, as I conveyed in a disagreeable sort of way that they were here—all these people—because it was quite correct to go to the opera and they would look their best, and every now and then they would applaud. Oh! yes, they would applaud, because that is quite correct, too. In spite of yourself you absorb the big spirit of your surroundings, and though you may contradict it and pride yourself after you have gone away, while in the audience you are of it too and smile or sigh as it bids you. There was no note of this marvellous voice that one could have paused to disapprove, there was nothing tangible to seize on the dramatic vigor of the great actress, as well as singer and yet—as the fall of the green curtain on Monday night left still the "unsatisfied longing and vague unrest" in one's musical nature, that surely one would think Patti ought to fill.

Her dresses were not in the least pretty, in the first act, a peasant dress which Trilby might have left so easily made mere it coming, and it preach it seem after the other acts, which was really dirty and trimmed with a sort of "curtain" looking lace.

SCALCHI IS GREAT

Her voice full, resonant and organ like in quality. There is a pathos in its rich depths that is like the wail of a lost soul, and her success was grand and unqualified.

Perhaps, after all, one's secret sympathy is always with the contralto voice. I remember when Kellogg and Cary were here several years ago, the same spirit made itself manifest to the great disgust of the justly celebrated soprano. Perhaps, too, a friend of mine speaks for many when he says of himself, "a cultivated soprano appeals to my intellect, and judged contralto to my affections."

Nevada likes Verdi at all, he is sung out, and I dislike being personally and musically uninteresting, he is really dangerous, for he made no mistakes in the concerted music that marred the harmony cruelly. The exquisite blending of two voices like Patti's and Scalchi's is like the harmony of the "Choir Invisible," and the pleasure of listening was keen for the point of rain.

Chevalini, the bass, was really even best and is what one so seldom finds among the artistes of grand opera, a good actor.

THE SECOND NIGHT

Was, in spite of the absence of Patti, a more enjoyable performance. Mme Pursch Madi had everything in her favor—a popular and beautiful opera, a role which suits her to simplicity and a clever manager. Her reception by the audience amounted to a triumph. She has talent and though certainly not a sympathetic, or what one might call a singer with a heart in her work, her voice is of a great deal of charm in ability and, as the *Chron le* has wisely predicted, will probably appear at her best in such operas as "Norma" and "Lucrezia Borgia."

Scalchi was a magnificent Azucena, though not as good voice as on Monday evening. She is, herself, less, a marked and her acting is one to the very soul. The

SENSATION OF THE EVENING

Was he adorably handsome tenor, who gets likes spoiled by, and will sing finely some day. His high chest notes are beautiful and he captured as audience with one of them. He is a picturesque as the ideal tenor may be desired to be, and has a smile before which the ladies melted, and the gentlemen felt their hats in jeopardy. His name is Cardinal—pretty rather, isn't it? and I have a picture of him taken in his smile.

Signor De Anna was the baritone on Tuesday evening, and a great improvement on Pasquale, who has a harsh, unlovely voice. De Anna is what should call a graceful singer—possessing ease and a certain fluency of expression with a well balanced by the passionate intensity with he finds himself inspired.

I am getting interested, shall make a study of the subject and when I have found out what I wish to know I shall write an article myself.

The opera cloaks were wonderful in color, material and variety. The handsomest was a long, loving cloak of cloth of gold, but big large sleeves bracaded in white velvet. It was lined with gold brocade and trimmed with white fur. Another elegant wrap was of satin cut in one piece with a border of insignificant Russian sable. A great many of the cloaks were quite short all these, which not so graceful are certainly more convenient, especially when one is not fortunate enough to possess a box seat. Two of these little wraps I noticed one of pink inclosed velvet trimmed with a silver thread the other blue and gold and bordered with swans down. They were very pretty, and so were the two petite blonde wearers.

THE HOUSES

Were brilliant each night and the dressing superb. One of the memorable features of the toilette is the enormous *aigrette* which has expanded with every week of its existence, until now it looks like a billiard cue. To see silly girls and foolish matrons enter their boxes with one of these poised on the left up and held in place as a jockey carries his whip is simply revolting to good taste. Some of the aigrettes are handsome, and when they do not exceed the length of a lead pencil are convenient, especially in traveling or in a crowd where a whiff of *aigrette a cruinture* or Dandridge's "Farina" is refreshing to exhausted nature.

Fashion, they say, is a woman and invents new captures to attract men. If this is so, why when she makes a mistake and succeeds only in increasing them, why does she not withdraw and warn these poor little daughters of hers who go on making themselves objects of ridicule in the eyes of critical bachelors? I have read these articles lately on

"WHY WOMEN DRESS."

On Tuesday night a most exquisite *robe* was worn by a very much admired society belle. It was of the finest black brocade, with a very little over white satin and worn by a very fair woman with a skin like pearl and waves of auburn hair. The only ornaments on her dress were some all camaries, pinched at one side of the low corsage, then little banks laid against the beautiful fair throat. The whole dress was a delicate *livre*, and I expected to see it shown in the crowd.

EMMA NEVADA'S HUSBAND

Has caused the greatest consternation. All the little school girls with whom he was going to claim relationship and "half a quantiance" will have to look their cards back into their pockets, put the bouquets in water, and wipe their disappointed little eyes on their handkerchiefs or the rest for the week.

"Positively, no Nevada night this week," say the papers, and so the excitement will not expire a little longer, and by next Saturday we will still enjoy the pleasure of anticipation, said by eager to exceed that of realization.

Next week I am to have the pleasure of meeting Miss Nevada, and I fancy she will consider it as an impertinence if I give one extra glance for your benefit, and make the call, which I am sure I shall enjoy for itself, the subject, as well, of a descriptive letter, which I hope you may find enjoyable, too.

MADGE.

No depressing effect from Red Star Cough Cure no nausea no reaction free no constipation.

MEETING NOTICES.

Divisions Nos. 1, 2 and 3, A. O. H.—Will meet at their hall, No. 16 First street, Tuesday even ing the 17th inst., at 8 P. M., in full regalia. By order of P. SPEE J. MEAGHER, County delegate.

NOTICE—ALL PARTIES WHO ARE TO SERVE as guards to the grand marshal on the approaching celebration of St. Patrick's Day are hereby requested to meet at Dahaltaite hall, corner First and Stark streets on Sunday, March 15, 1885, at 1 o'clock P. M. JOHN N. QUAIFE, Grand Marshal.

NEW TO-DAY.

DAILY ARRIVING SPRING SILKS AND dress goods, heavy satinlo novelti. I shall have For the dressier prices will be a shade higher than heretofore on account of scarcity of goods Purchased LITT, the leader on the coast 3d and Alder

JOHN CRAB & CO—WE HAVE JUST OPENED a few lots of gentlemen's neckwear. 13 mlfpo

FURNITURE FOR SALE. THREE ROOMS TO rent if desired. No. 94 N Twelfth st. 13 mlfpo

LOST—A CANARY BIRD. RETURN TO NO 174 Cambridge and receive reward.

WANTED—A GOOD GIRL TO COOK AND do housework; must be willing to help care for child. Call between 9 A M and 12 M, at 54 Grant st.

SERVANT WANTED—MUST BE A GOOD COOK and willing to help care for children. No other need apply. Call between 9 A M and 12 M, at 54 Grant st.

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CHURCH NOTICES.

Corner N. E. Mission. Baker's hall corner Second and Stark streets—Sunday school 3 P M.

First Congregational Church (Unitarian)—Rev Thomas Lamb Eliot, minister—Sunday school meets at 3 P M. Preaching by the minister at 7 30 P M. Subject: "Some of the religious services at 7 30 P M."

First Presbyterian church—Washington and Seventh streets—Rev. A. L. Lindsley, pastor—Services at 11 A. M. and 7 30 P. M. Sunday school at 9 45 A. M. Seats free; all are welcome.

First M. E. church—Corner Ninth and Eleventh streets—Services at 11 A. M. Sabbath school at 2 P. M. Preaching at 7 30 P. M. Rev. Wm. A. Mitchell, pastor.

Taylor-street church, East Pack and Columbia streets—Sunday school at 10 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7 30 P. M. Anniversary services of the Sunday school at 2 30 P. M. Seats free. You are cordially invited.

Seventh-street church, corner of Yamhill and Seventh streets—Services at 11 A. M. and 7 30 P. M. Rev. W. A. Elliott, minister—Services at 11 A. M. and 7 30 P. M. The evening sermon is the last in a series to young people, on "Temptations and Confessions." The public is cordially invited.

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Methodist Episcopal church, corner Fourth and Alder

A RAJPUT NURSE.

"Whose tomb they have builded, Vittoo! under the tamarind tree,
With its door of the rose-veined marble, and white dottie, stately to see;
Was he holy Brahman, or Gogi, or a king of the Rajput line,
Whose urn-rests here by the river, in the shade of this beautiful shrine?"

"May it please you," quoth Vittoo, salaaming, "Protector of all the Poor!"
It was not for holy Brahman they carved that delicate door.
Nor for Gogi, nor Rajput Rana, did they build this gem of our land,
But to tell of a Rajput woman, as long as the stones should stand!

"Her name was Moti, the pearl-name! 'Twas far in the ancient times,
But her moon-like face and her teeth of pearl, are a sung of still in our rhymes;
And because she was young and comely, and of good repute and had laid
A babe on the arms of her husband"—the Palace Nurse she was made.

"For the sweet chief Queen of our Rana in Jeypore city had died,
Leaving a motherless infant, the heir of that House of Pride,
The heir of the Peacock-banner, of the Shield of Gold, of the Throne,
Which traces its record of glory to years when it stood alone;

"To ages when, from the Sunlight t the first of our Kings came down,
And had the earth for his footstool, and wore the stars for his crown,
As all good Rajputs have told us, so Moti was proud and true,
With the Prince of the Land on her bosom, and her own brown baby, too!

And the Rajput women will have it—I know not, myself, of all ess things!—
As the two babes lay in her bosom—her lord's, and so leal was the blood of her body, so fast the faith a her heart,
It passed to her new-born infant, who took of her suat its part!

"It would not dr nk at the breast milk till the It would not stay in the cradle soup till the Prince slept and was still;
And it lay at night with its small arms clasped 'round the Rana's child,
As if those hands of the rose leaf could guard him From treason while.

"For treason was wild in the country, and villainous men had sought
The life of the Heir of the Gadi; § to the Palace in secret brought,
With tribes to d o base, and with knife thrusts for the faithful, they found their way
Through the fence of the guards, and the gateways, to the hall where the women lay.

"There Moti, the Foster Mother, sat singing the children to rest,
Her baby at play on her knees, and the King's son fell to her breast;
And the dark slave-maidens round her beat low on the cymbal-skin,
Keeping the time of her soft song—when, Saheb! there burst in

"A breathless watcher who whispered, with horror in eyes and face,
'Oh, Moti! men come to murder my Lord, the Prince, in this place!
They have bought the help of the gate-guards, or slaughtered them unawares.
Hark! that is the noise of their talwars† that clatter upon the stairs!'

"For one breath she caught up her baby from her knee to her heart, and let
The King's child sink from her bosom, with lips still clinging and wet;
Then tore from the Prince his headcloth, and the putta of pearls from his waist,
And bound the belt on her infant, and the cap on his brown ‡ haste!"

"And laid her own dear offspring, her flesh and blood on the floor,
With the girdle of pearls around him, and the cap that the King's son wore;
While close to her heart—which was breaking—she folded the Rana's joy;
And—even as the Murderers lifted the purday; she died with his boy!

"But there (as they deemed), in his jewels, lay the Chota-Rana, the heir!
The cow with two calves has escaped us!" one cried—"It is right and fair
She shall save her own butchaa ! no matter! the edge of a Katara ends
This spark of Lord Raghoba's sunlight! stab thrice and four times, oh friends!

"And the Rajput women will have it—I know not if this can be so!—
That Moti's son in the putta and golden cap crowned low
When the sharp blades pierced to his small heart, with never a moan or wince,
But died with a babe's light laughter, because he died for his prince!

"Thereby did that Rajput mother preserve the line of our Kings!"
"Oh, Vittoo!" I said, "but they gave her much gold and beautiful things,
And garments, and land for her people, and a house in the Palace! May be
She has grown to love that Princeling even more than the child on her knee!"

"May it please the presence!" quoth Vittoo, "it seemeth not; they gave
The gold, and the garments and jewels, as much as the proudest should have;
But, the same night, deep in her bosom she buried a knife, and smiled,
Saying this: 'I have saved my Rana! I must go to suckle my child.'"

—*Edwin Arnold in New York Tribune.*

* The Hindoo husband accepts the paternity of his chi d by receiving it, new-born, in his arms.
† The Great Rajput Dynasty is said to be descended from the Sun himself.
§ The Gadi or "seat" is the name of an Indian throne
‡ Indian sabres.
¶ Little one! ¶ A dagger.

MRS. THORNDYKE'S CONSCIENCE

WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE OREGONIAN.

BY EDGAR FAWCETT,

Author of "An Ambitious Woman," "Rutherford," "Tinkling Cymbals," "A Gentleman of Leisure," Etc.

PART I.

One brilliant morning, about two years ago, a lady who was leaving her carriage, which had stopped before a spacious mansion on Fifth avenue, suddenly paused with an exclamation of surprised welcome, addressed to a gentleman who was passing along the sidewalk.

"Mr. Varian!" called the lady.

"Mrs. Thorndyke!" was the astonished reply.

Immediately afterward they were shaking hands with apparently an equal amount of warmth on either side. The lady was tall, fair in coloring and noticeably handsome. Her age could not have been much past thirty. She wore a costume of black silk, cut with a most modish elegance. The gleam of her hair was an almost keen gold against the black of her dainty, bugle-trimmed bonnet. She had an upper lip that was perfect, a deep dimple in her pink chin, an arch, irresistible look about her straight, pure brow. But the chief charm of her face was a pair of golden-brown eyes, velvet in their softness and jewel-like in their lustre. The gentleman looked a gentleman every inch, as the phrase goes. He had a tranquil face, touched with a few wrinkles that seemed of that premature kind which thought and study will print at the corner of the eye, at the edge of the nostril. His smile was soft and genial; it had a winsome spell to which the dark gloss of his drooping mustache gave added charm.

"Did you think me a ghost?" said the lady. "You looked so amazed at me that I half believe you did."

"I was not at all prepared for you," he replied, in a slow, gentle way that was a habit of speech with him.

Mrs. Thorndyke laughed. She made a gesture towards the impressive building just opposite. "I've been back from Paris over a month," she said. "Come in and have a chat."

They mounted the broad stoop together, attended by a footman, who rang the bell for them. And presently they entered a drawing-room appointed with richness, even splendor.

"How is this?" said Mrs. Thorndyke, with a light wave of one hand indicating the fine environment. "Don't you think it rather nice?"

"I think it very nice," said Mr. Varian. "Sit down. Take that plush chair; its so comfortable. That is right—how like old times it seems to see you sitting beside me! I saw that you had got back to America; I read of your arrival in the Servia—wasn't it the Servia? And then there were one or two articles about you in the newspapers. They interviewed you, didn't they? How funny these American customs strike one after one has been away for an age, like you and me! Was it a great bore?"

"The interviewing?" asked Varian. "I assure you I thought it a shocking one. I had no idea what to say. I fancy I really said very little. I've an idea that the reporter made up all that stuff out of his own head."

"But you ought not to have been bored," declared Mrs. Thorndyke, beginning to take off her bonnet. She soon tossed it upon a little mosaic table near at hand. Her hair glistened about her lovely temples; her eyes beamed like stars; a slight color had crept into her cheeks; the lines of her slender and charming figure took a new grace and symmetry. She was assuredly a woman of great personal attraction. "You have written two novels since you were in Europe, and you should accept the penalty of your fame, Varian," she continued. "Upon my word, I quite envied you when I saw how they had received you here. Any sort of a definite experience on this shore must be so attractive."

"You don't like it here?"

"Like it? As if one could! You don't mean that *you* do?"

He nodded, with grave emphasis. "I find most of the people whom I have thus far met charming. There is a sort of tingle in the social atmosphere; things are livelier and sprightlier, somehow."

"How can you talk like that?" exclaimed Mrs. Thorndyke, with pretty disdain. "You know you don't mean a word of it. You know that New York is detestable to you after all those years in Rome, Paris, Vienna, Dresden and London."

Varian was looking at the carpet. "I think it horrid form," he said, "for an American to detest his own country."

"Mrs. Thorndyke shrugged her shoulders. "How rude of you," she said, but she said it very amiably. "Well, I suppose you are right, however." There was a little pause and she stole at his drooped face a glance that was covert, almost shy. "You are thinking of things that you will not speak," she at length murmured.

There was a twinkle in his quiet eyes as he raised them to hers. "How like you that is," he commented, with soft amusement. "You want to draw me out; you want me to ask you why you crossed the ocean."

Her color deepened somewhat, and her eyes grew serious. "I had no reason to come, had I?" she questioned. "You know what Alma Thorndyke was—and is—in Paris. With my great heap of money I did what I pleased, did I not? Look over my past life, Hugh Varian. I went abroad at sixteen with poor dead father. At eighteen I had married one of the richest men in Europe. He was sixty, and had the gout, but he was one of the richest men in Europe. At twenty-five John Thorndyke made me a widow. Then I left London and went to Paris. I had social ambitions, and I succeeded splendidly." Varian was watching her now with much intentness, and not a little puzzlement as well.

"If you did not succeed," he answered, "I don't know anybody who ever has done so. You got the Faubourg St. Germain people to come to your *salons*. You did everything."

"No, I did not do everything." These words were spoken by Mrs. Thorndyke with so melancholy an intonation that her hearer started visibly as they left her lips. He rose with haste and went close to her side.

"Good heavens," he said, "your eyes are full of tears! What do you mean? I—I don't understand."

The lady lowered her head for a moment, but before she did so he saw the tremor that was disturbing her beautiful mouth. The next instant she lifted her head and made a little imperative motion for him to reseat himself. He obeyed. She now addressed him with a certain fierce sadness. Her voice was almost a whisper while she spoke.

"I don't think I have ever *lived* any man as I like you. That is just the word—*like*. So many men have tried to make love to me; you've always been so discreet and sensible. I have half a mind to make you a confession. It will cast me, I think, if I do. You're not like the great herd of the others. You're cold—yes you are; don't deny it. I do not believe you're ever had a passion—a real passion—in your life. That is why you write so well; your best critics know that you are almost a great novelist and your little ones call you merely a grical and analytic because their want enthusiasm and 'grush' instead of insight. I used to be just as cold as you, and that was the secret of our old friendship. We could laugh together at the whole silly *cynnie humaine*, could we not? We neither of us got any wounds, and it was so entertaining to see the other victims carried off dying from the fight. But we were cruel. Do you remember how we used to make our jokes in Paris about this heart-broken Romeo and that love-sick Juliet? Well, I suppose punishment was only fair and rightful. It ought to have come to both of us, for we both deserved it. But it came only to one."

Hugh Varian leaned forward with a very earnest and meaning look as he now responded:

"You simply amaze me. I don't think I guess your meaning. But if I do——"

"Of course you do," broke in his companion. The next moment she had burst into tears. For quite a little while she wept almost silently. He watched her and his face had paled while he did so. At last he said:

"You followed Paul Carlton to this country. You came here because he came. I see it all now. I never dreamed of it before. And he is engaged to marry that girl, Gertrude Innsley."

Mrs. Thorndyke had almost crimsoned before he ended. "I should be so very angry," she faltered, "if any one else were as mercilessly blunt as that. But I—I suppose I have brought it upon myself, Hugh Varian. Well, am I not a sad fool? To think that of all men alive it should be he."

Varian shook his head. "He can't dream that he has ever roused your caprice. He painted pictures for you in Paris. You were his rich and lofty patroness. He would as soon have thought of trying to get the sun in heaven. And I don't—I can't believe that you would ever have thought about him at all if he had been on a level with yourself or had shown you the homage of having been fascinated by you, as such a throng of the others did. This is a mere vagary on your part. You must dismiss it. Can it be really true that you crossed the ocean because this man hadn't laid his head at your feet? Tell me it is not true and I will firmly believe you. Marvels are always hard to credit."

Mrs. Thorndyke had by this time gained her wonted composure. "I can really explain to you nothing," she said, measuring each word. "The whole thing flashed upon me one morning in Paris, when he bade me a polite, ceremonious, grateful farewell, after telling me that he had taken passage for this country. I spent the rest of the day in agony. I paced the floor of my chamber like a panther. I felt like one of those feline creatures in a French novel. My punishment had come at last! I would not even admit my maid for hours lest she might guess my secret from my face. You are the only person to whom I have ever breathed it. I don't quite understand why I do—it is like talking to one's physician."

"Ah," said Varian, with a kind of solemn exasperation, "one's physician advises."

She had knotted her hands together and was staring down at them as they lay in the lap of her dress. "What do you advise?" she asked.

"That you return at once to Paris—and forget."

"I can't forget."

"Then return, all the same."

She very slowly shook her head. "Not yet," she replied.

"Have you seen this New York girl, Miss Innsley?"

"Oh, yes; a number of times. I know her well. Have you ever met her?"

"No."

"You shall do so at my house this evening, if you wish," said Mrs. Thorndyke. "She and her fiance dine with me quite informally. Pray join us."

Varian accepted the invitation, but he did so in a rather bad humor. He knew Paul Charlton well, and liked him not a little. He had heard that this Gertrude Innsley was a girl of rare good sense, and of just the proper y grave, intellectual turn to make such a man as Charlton happy. She had enough fortune to produce a neat tributary stream in the direction of what her lover had already earned. Charlton had made a name for himself in Rome as a painter of profound originality. He had a touch of wierdness mixed with the poetry of his art that stamped him especially as one who conceives with striking force. His enemies asserted that he let execution go quite to the dogs. But the truth was that he let finicality of execution go to the painters who were in love with mere prettiness, and there lay about the whole story of whatever detraction and discountenance he had thus far had to fight against.

These two men had known each other well abroad, and worked in widely different fields with not a little sincere comeniality. Charlton had often frankly complimented Varian as a novelist; indeed, he thought there were certain points about his friend's books that were unsurpassed, nearly unsurpassable. But he had his little stiletto of criticism, which he now and t ten knew how to draw red blood with. On the other hand it was very much the same with regard to Varian's feeling towards his friend's pictures. They had each given the other certain thrusts, and were both perhaps the better for the antagonist dealt.

In character they were almost antipodal. Hugh Varian was all repose, concealment, polish, discretion. Society accepted him and respected him; he represented so much of that graceful yet emotionless decorum which is one of its chief cults and tenets. He was not at all salient as a member of it, but then he was never in the least diminutive. He had held his own among the best people in foreign circles, but he had never flaunted his own there or seemed to heed much whether or no it were paid great deference. His place and fame in modern letters had come to him slowly, but he had never seemed in the least haste either for distinction or achievement. His dead parents had long ago left him comfortably prosperous.

Paul Charlton, on the contrary, had had, years ago, to strive hard for actual bread. But he had always served his ideals with rigorous fidelity. There were those who knew—and none knew better than Varian—that he might have repeatedly gained money and a kind of success by sinking individuality and forsaking cherished principles. But the want and strife and worry had now given place, with him to a secure peace and a wholesome competence. He was recognized; he was even, in some quarters, quite greenly laurelled.

He had a far more picturesque and distinguished look than his friend. He was not very tall, and his figure, slenderly built, expressed by his brisk movements, its often odd postures, an almost painful overplus of nervous energy. His head, with its broad forehead and full temples, was clad with flowing silky hair, black as night, and the eye with which he met yours when his firm thin hand took your own was very dark indeed and of vivid brilliancy. He never wore either mustache or beard, but a bluish line marked his upper lip and found correspondent hue about the compact moulding of his delicate cheeks and chin. This effect came most probably from the extreme softness and clearness of his complexion, which was quite olive in tint.

Hugh Varian had wanted very much to meet him since leaving the steamer. But a number of assertive duties—the looking up of near relatives not seen for several years, and the investigation of money affairs which might well have received more prompt attention—had thus far stood in the way of their coming together. They had corresponded since their separation, and in his letters Paul Charlton had made not a few confidences regarding Miss Innsley and his engagement. "Her father," he had written, "was, twenty years ago, a rather famous portrait painter here. His work is not known over sea, but I knew it well before I went abroad, and have always thought it worthy of higher praise than it received. Lake Innsley married a Miss Bond of New York; Gertrude is their only child. It was not considered at all a good match for Miss Bond at the time; the Bonds, you know, are what people call an old family here, and although Innsley's bride was of the poorer branch, her relations, I have heard, curled lips and lifted noses at such an alliance. Gertrude lives comfortably, at present, with her mother, an elderly widow. They have apartments, as we used to say in Paris; here you would call them a modest flat."

Paul had written much more of a personal and even amatory nature concerning his promised wife, but even if his lines had not piqued Varian's curiosity, the affair would still have felt keen desire to meet his friend's choice.

To-night this choice came, and it came amid surroundings which struck Varian as singularly unsuited to the girl whom he now looked on for the first time. That sumptuous dining-room, with its wax-lights, its rugs, its screens, was no doubt of the sort that Gertrude Innsley would never have chosen as her own. She was of medium height, of trim, erect figure, of quiet yet earnest manners and of undoubtedly plain face. Its coloring was its one charm: all its features except perhaps the liquid, honest gray eyes, were without a trace of beauty. But it had a certain simple dignity of expression that harmonized with the owner's perfect freedom from affectation and her healthy, sensible frankness of deportment.

"She is far from disappointing me," concluded Varian, after a little s vere, but well-bid scrutiny. "I feel sure that I shall like her. But what peri s she stands in. Alma Thorndyke beside her is like tea-rose beside a pastoral dandelion. And how lovely she looks to-night in that black lace dress touched with the blue forget-me-nots."

Varian had quickly explained to himself the true reason of Mrs. Thorndyke's astonishing confidence of the morning. She had been a shinning star of fashion abroad; she had triumphed, led, won her made devotees by the hundreds, been humored, petted, even spoiled by the gay and not a few of the great as well. But she had never been so spoiled as to lose a woman's saving grace of generosity and fair-mindedness. She had never carried her conquests past the bounds of justice, as she had always kept t em well within the lines of prudence. It might have been said of her, in bluff American vulgate, that she was "square" throughout. That was the chief cause of her fame, her social eminence being so clearly wed with a wide popularity. The victor of many men's s e had remained the friend of many women.

And now, Varian concluded, she had made her confession to him in her own drawing-room that morning, from an impulse that was purely one of conscience. For the first time in her life she had been tempted to do an unfair, a deceitful, a grossly selfish thing. She had crossed the ocean to find Paul Charlton, and she had found him engaged to marry another girl. Then she had told herself: "I am invincible; I can do what I choose with men's hearts; I can make him cast this Gertrude Innsley aloof and marry me. And why should I not do it? I saw him and cared for him long before he did either. Thousands of women would do it without a twinge of compunction if they loved as I love and were placed just as I am placed."

Varian had long known that Paul Charlton pleased her as no other man pleased her. In at least twenty of their intimate, *bon camarade* talks she had made this fact plain to him. She had paid the artist a continual tribute, which it amazed his friend that he did not perceive to be of stronger import and deeper origin than the mere condescending patronage of a lofty *chatelaine* to an admired genius. But Varian had never suspected (or perhaps it would be safer to state that he had never done more than suspect the real florid and fervent truth. She had caused it to burst on him a few hours ago; and by the light of a long previous acquaintance he detected why she had taken this course. "There's a gleam of true womanly discretion even in her rashness," he had still later reflected. "She believes me immeasurably safe. She trusts in the sincere friendship I bear for her, against that which I bear for Paul. And she trusts also, in my solid, underlying conviction that her marriage with him would be tremendous worldly advancement. I don't like her not considering that I should be very sharply conscious of how Paul must stake his honor on such a step—I don't like it a bit. She showed less discretion there than one would have suspected of her. She's refused a good many European counts and princelings; she certainly would be a great match for Paul. But she ought to have remembered that I am not the man to lightly value the moral side of this whole romantic situation."

This evening at dinner as Varian narrowly observed his hostess, he concluded that she had never been more buoyantly and blithesomely attractive. She chose to turn the conversation upon social New York matters, and to give her view and estimate regarding them.

"I have been so amused by everything here since I came back," she said. "But I have been saddened as well. I find that it is so expatriating to come back. You have never been in Europe, have you?" she suddenly asked of Miss Innsley.

"No," was the reply, given with a candid surprise. "Why, I thought you recollect, Mrs. Thorndyke——"

"Of course, my dear, I recollect that I have asked you that question at least five separate times. It is so odd, somehow, to find a person of your intelligence and culture who has never been."

"Do you think it odd, really?" asked Miss Innsley.

Before Mrs. Thorndyke could reply Paul Charlton broke in with his rather swift and direct mode of speech, addressing her solely:

"You've just spoken a paradox, I think," he said. "Please explain."

"That it's expatriating to come back?" laughed Mrs. Thorndyke. "Is that a paradox? So it is, I suppose. Well, I meant especially in my own case, you know. I left America so young. I have been plding myself on my American birth for so long. I used to get tired pointing at this country across the ocean as a grand republic. But I return and discover that it's a perfect hotbed of caste and snobbery."

"New York may so," said Varian, quietly.

"But the western prairies are not?" exclaimed Mrs. Thorndyke. "Is that what you mean? Oh, I don't doubt you are right. But I happen to have learned something about New York and not to have yet visited any of the *cantons* in the Rocky mountains. Now, there is not the slightest doubt that we Vanderveers were perfectly obscure people here for three generations. Grandpapa was a scholar, always writing deep treatises on something; and poor papa had a passion for science. There is no doubt that we are an old Dutch family—quite as old and quite as Dutch as the Amsterdams, the Manhattans, or any of those who had been playing grands seigneurs for so long. But nobody thought us so—or rather nobody thought anything at all about us. We were wholly ignored. We lived in a damp old house in Eighth street, that was literally crammed with books. I scarcely recollect my mother; as a little girl I had not a friend but papa and my nurse, who was old and damp and grim, like the house. It is absurd to say that the Vanderveers were anybody in a patrician sense; they were simply nobody at all—I am convinced of it. And yet, now that I have returned here after my Paris experiences, I am reminded constantly of my having been a Vanderveer by fashionable, *mondaine* ladies who like to confer upon me, as it were, a handsome native claim. And how I slyly laugh at all their nonsense! How well I know that all this exhuming of the poor Vanderveers is all a mere ruse! And this is the greatest city of the greatest republic ever founded. Bah! It is not a republic at all—this America! I hear incessantly such words as 'social position,' 'a good old name,' 'the first society,' 'the sort of people whom you know,' and a hundred other like snobbish phrases. At first it keenly astonished me; I could not at all make it out. I had never heard half as much of this kind of thing in London, though they speak the same tongue there as here. But by degrees I realized that instead of a metropolis where dwelt the noble liberality I had so trusted in, New York was filled with the worst European pettiness. And everything so imitative, so—what is the word?—brummagem! I think it is this lack of originality which chiefly oppresses me. It would be refreshing to see the young men going to ball and opera in blankets and feathers and beads; there would be something at least national about it, though peculiar. It would at least be preferable, I think, to the slavish copy of foreign models. *Tenez*.—I am talking too much. I always do. Now pray what has Miss Innsley to say in contradiction of all my *betises*, eh?"

"I think I could say a good many things," declared Gertrude Innsley, whose cheeks had flushed somewhat unbecomingly and whose honest wrath was plain in the spark that lit her gray eyes. "But I wont, Mrs. Thorndyke," she went on. "I am afraid of losing my temper, for I've more than once done so before when I was defending my own country." Then poor Gertrude almost choked with something, whether agitation or anger. In any case she seemed very much distressed and her natural, hearty, amiable attractiveness had quite fled.

Varian saw his friend's eyes stray from one woman's face to the other. Had Mrs. Thorndyke used her little outburst as a clever manœuvre to show Paul Charlton certain sharp truths of contrast? The young novelist believed so. Charlton, like so many Americans who have lived abroad for a long time, was very little of a patriot as yet. It was by no means difficult for him to put Mrs. Thorndyke, with her jaunty sarcasms and aspersions, in the right. And Mrs. Thorndyke well knew what results foreign influence had long ago wrought upon his poetic temperament.

"I should be so sorry, my dear to make you lose your temper!" exclaimed the hostess of Gertrude. She rose at once; it was dessert time and quite in rule for both ladies to retire. She put her arms about Gertrude's neck while stationed behind her, and in this attitude gazed across the shoulder of his sweetheart at Paul Charlton himself. But she did not address Paul; she addressed Gertrude, and while doing so wreathed her lips with the sweetest of dimpled smiles.

"You must pardon me, my dear," she went on. "I know that I have been quite wrong. I have let my tongue run away with me. I should have remembered. Ever since I got back I have been treading on people's toes so stupidly. I don't doubt that America is, after all, a glorious place. When I have got to think so I shall come to you in sackcloth and ashes. I shall take back all the hard things I have said. There, my dear, is it a compact?"

"As you wi l," said Gertrude Innsley, and it must be conceded that she said it very awkwardly. The contrast between the two women was now much sharper than before. It was like that between a rather commonplace and sturdy young sapling and an aerial, blossom-laden vine.

A little later Paul and Varian were left alone with their cigars. Mrs. Thorndyke and Gertrude having passed from the dining-room, the hostess still keeping one arm about the form of her guest. The attitude, for one of them at least, looked very affectionate and kindly. "I am going to make this dear girl forgive me," said Mrs. Thorndyke to Varian, with a sidelong glance that was bewitching, "while you two smoke. And if you come upon us while I am getting my merited scolding, I fear I must send you both dutifully away."

This last speech seemed to leave a perfume behind it; it was consummately that of a woman of the world, and of such infinite tact that Varian, who knew Alma Thorndyke so well, almost credited, for the moment, its entire sincerity.

A silence followed between the two friends in the dinning-room. It was at length broken by Paul, who said in slower and less vivacious tones than he usually employed:

"You don't see Miss Innsley—Gertrude, I mean—at her best to-night, Hugh. I'm almost regretful that this should be your first meeting."

Varian at once replied: "I should be rather inclined to congratulate myself that this is not the occasion of my first meeting with our friend of the *grand ville*."

Paul started with surprise. "Why, what do you mean?" he asked.

"Oh, it was such bar form to pitch into America and the Americans like that. No wonder it annoyed Miss Innsley. She's patriotic; I like her better for it, and so should you. We fellows who have knocked about Europe for years, seeing all that is best there, are two fond of shutting our eyes to what is best here. And there is a great deal that is wonderfully fine here, in its way, beyond a doubt. In any case, Paul, there's nothing like giving one's own country a fair chance—which I regret to state that neither you nor I have yet done. By the way, have you arranged any time yet for your marriage?"

"No. Why do you ask?"

"You once told me that you disbelieved in long engagements."

"I did," said Paul, accompanying the words with a laugh which had in it a slightly bitter ring. "I forget, just now, old fellow, what my theory of disbelief was based upon. Not disillusion, eh?"

Varian felt a light chill pass through him. "Yes," he answered; "that was precisely your theory. But now, since you've forgotten it, you evidently don't consider yourself at all in danger."—(Copyrighted 1885. All rights reserved.

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A TOUCHING SCENE.

Two English Gentlemen Who Will Probably Write a Book on America.

Two young Englishmen, brothers, visited the British consulate on Thursday, and asked to be permitted to speak privately to Hon. J. Pierrepont Edwards. They assured the usher that their business was "dreadfully private," and after a little delay they were shown into the presence of the urbane consul. Mr. Edwards looked with much interest upon his visitors, for in point of dudishness their raiment approached the marvelous. The young men were apparently about 22 and 25 years of age respectively. The elder wore a pair of green trousers, a spotted blue vest and a bright yellow overcoat faced with buff-colored silk. He displayed a ponderous gold watch-chain, a jeweled scarf pin and a massive silver-headed walking stick. The younger brother was somewhat less showy in dress but equally as stylish.

"We are Arthur and George Harris of London, sons of Mr. Harris, the banker, you know," said George.

"What can I do for you?" asked Mr. Edwards.

"Well, there' no good to make any bones about it," said George in a pronounced cockney dialect. "We are destitute, awfully destitute you know."

"Indeed!" said the consul, glancing suspiciously at a brilliant stone which flashed on the third finger of the speaker's right hand.

"Ah, yaas, indeed we are," interjected Arthur, fingering his watch-chain. "Pon honor, we ha'n't got cash enough to pay our way back to England."

"I am afraid I cannot pay your passage for you," remarked Mr. Edwards.

"My dear fellow, we don't want you to do that, you know, we only want you to pay our board bill."

"Can you not get money from home?"

"Oh, yes; the old gentleman comes down handsomely, but it costs such a beastly lot to live in New York, you know."

"But you seem to have some very good clothes."

"Oh, yes, you know; but they pawn for so very little, you know."

"You have not suffered for the necessaries of life, I hope?"

"No, not exactly; but since I have been here I have eaten my dawg, answered George with a sigh.

"Eaten your dog!" exclaimed Mr. Edwards.

"Yes; he was a Scotch collie—a beautiful little dawg. I shoved him up for $12."

The British consul was unable to assist the young Englishmen, and they departed, bewailing their sad luck in being destitute in a foreign land. Yesterday they left for home on the steamship City of Richmond, having scraped together money enough to buy two steerage passages. They were followed on board the steamer by four men and a boy, who bore their luggage, consisting of four heavy trunks and a hat box. The brothers were thoroughly disgusted with America. George had been here about five months, but Arthur only arrived last Sunday. It was with what was left of Arthur's pocket money that the home-bound tickets were bought.—[N. Y. Times.

Chinese Bird-Fishery.

The cormorant does all the work of fishing for his master, who only has to take care of the boat. The birds stand upon the edge of the shallop till the boatman gives the signal, when they spring into the water to perform their task. As soon as they have captured a large fish or filled their throat with smaller ones, they return to the boat and their master takes possession of the prey. If they find a fish too large for the bird to take care of it alone, two or three of them will assist in bringing it in. The cormorants are trained for their business with great care. The most intelligent birds are said to come from the province of Che-kiang. The eggs of the first spring, laying, which usually takes place in February, are collected and put under hens, the maternal love of the cormorant being only feebly developed. The young when first hatched, being extremely weak and delicate, and prone to succumb at the slightest chill, are put into a waddel basket where they can be kept at a uniform temperature. They are fed with pellets of boats and finely chopped eel, till at the end of a month, when, having become nearly covered with feathers, they are given the eel alone; at the end of another month they are able to eat small fish whole, and are worth five dollars a pair. When they have got their growth, which is about five months after they are hatched, they are tethered by a string tied around the foot on the banks of a stream or pond. The trainer, stirring the water with a pole, and whistling an air which the birds learn is the signal for "take to the water," throws in some small fish, which they attack with all the more voracity as they have not been too well fed. The trainer then whistles another air, which is to be the signal for coming back, and, that the birds may not be mistaken as to its meaning, he pulls at the same time upon the cord that holds them. These lessons are continued for two or three months, when the scene of the practice is changed to the boats; and at the end of another month the cord is dispensed with. There are, of course, differences in the capacity of cormorants as well as of men. While the stupid ones are sent to the pot, the most sagacious and best trained male birds are worth seven or eight dollars apiece, females less. The period of service of cormorants is short. They begin to lose their feathers and go into decrepitude in their fourth year, and generally die before they are six years old.—[Popular Science Monthly.

HIGH WOMEN OF AMERICA.

The Wealthy Ladies Who Grace the National Capital.

Washington is not crowded with rich women of independent means. There are few heiresses in Washington society. This is particularly true among what is known as the old resident population. Within late years, since Washington has become so popular as a winter resort, the number of rich women who make their home here during nine months of the year has been increased. Perhaps the richest woman in Washington is Mrs. McKee Dunn, wife of the former judge-advocate-general of the army. She inherited a large fortune from her father, Lanier, the celebrated banker, which she holds in her own right. It is estimated to be between three and four millions. Mrs. Dunn has made a number of heavy investments in Washington real estate. She bought several years ago the lands one building upon the avenue which was so long occupied by the census office. She gave $200,000 for it. Two years ago she gave $50,000 to her daughter, the wife of Dr. D. R. McKee, the agent of the New York Associated Press, to be used in building a house. She has given large sums to her other children for like purposes. She has two sons. She had two daughters, but lost one a few days ago; she was the wife of Lieutenant Morrison of the army, and was considered one of the handsomest women ever seen in Washington.

The next richest woman in Washington is Mrs. Myers, widow of the late chief of the signal service bureau. She is worth at least $1,000,000. The bulk of her property is in Buffalo real estate. It was all left her by her father. She lives in one of the most picturesque houses in the city. It was formerly occupied by the British legation, and for a time by John Chamberlain when he vainly tried to establish a palatial gambling house in Washington. She has a beautiful summer place in the suburbs of Buffalo. She entertains a great deal. She has a daughter who was brought out in society last year, who is one of the few heiresses who have not yet surrendered to the claims of the army or navy.

Mrs. John O. Evans, widow of the late president of the Mutual Union Telegraph company, is worth somewhere in the neighborhood of $250,000. Her property is mainly invested in Washington real estate. She lives in a very retired way and never goes in society since the death of her husband. She was very much devoted to her husband. When he died she gave up all social pleasures, and although his death occurred now over three years ago, she still makes no calls even upon her most intimate friends.

Mrs. Palmer, wife of Senator Palmer, has property of her own valued at a million. She owns real estate in this city, Detroit and New York. Her husband has also a large fortune. They manage their own respective properties and enjoy life upon the most independent of possible footings.

Mrs. Hitt, wife of Congressman Hitt of Illinois, is worth at least a million in her own right. This fortune was left her by her father, soon after her husband became secretary of legation at Paris. Her mother, who is living with her, has an equally large fortune which she will leave her daughter, as there are no other children. Mrs. Hitt lives in one of the handsomest houses in Washington. The interior decoration of the house is indicative of great taste and good judgment. Hitt is a first-class stenographer. He was brought to Washington in the first place by Oliver P. Morton, who made him clerk of his committee. Hitt met his wife here, and has not had a very hard time since his marriage.

The wife of Frank Hiscock, the member from New York, is said to be worth a couple of hundred thousand dollars. The Hiscocks live at the Arlington hotel. She goes out in society a good deal, although she does not care much about Washington life. She would be better contented if her husband were to retire entirely from politics.

Mrs. Randall Gibson, wife of the senator from Louisana, has a reputed fortune of a quarter of a million. She has her mother with her, who is also rich. They are very fond of entertaining and going in society. The family is at present in mourning.

Mrs. Eugene Hale, wife of Senator Hale of Maine, is the heiress of the Zach Chandler estate. This is said to be in the neighborhood of two or three millions of dollars. A large proportion of it is in real estate in Detroit which is constantly increasing in value. She is a very pleasant lady and, although she goes out a good deal in society, is thoroughly devoted to her intelligent and wholesome-looking children.

Mrs. Bayne, wife of the member from Pittsburg, has an independent fortune, which she manages herself. This she inherited from her father who died last fall. The Baynes prefer hotel life to housekeeping.

Mrs. Joslyn, wife of the assistant secretary of the interior department, is said to have half a million of dollars, given to her by her father, who is still living. He is worth at least a million or two more, and will leave it to Mrs. Joslyn and her sister when he dies. Mrs. Joslyn is a very vivacious blonde. She goes a great deal in society and is very popular.

Mrs. Hutchinson, whose husband was the head of the Alaska Seal Fur company, is one of the wealthiest women in Washington. A recent bank failure swept away over $100,000, but did not seriously impair her fortune, which has been estimated at from a half to three-quarters of a million. Her residence is near Scott circle, her neighbors being Senators Don Cameron and Pendleton and ex-Senator Windom.

Mrs. Carroll, a descendant of one of the old families here, enjoys a good income yearly from real estate which is steadily increasing in value. It is difficult to approximate her wealth, but she is assessed for over one hundred thousand dollars' worth of property.

Mrs Patten, a wealthy lady from San Francisco, has recently settled here and is now building a $75,000 residence on Massachusetts avenue, near the Blaine mansion.

Mrs Craig Wadsworth of New York, who now lives in this city in a handsome residence on Massachusetts avenue, comes of a wealthy New York family, and her marriage was a union of two large family fortunes. At the death of her husband she was left all his estate and she is supposed to be worth at least a million. Mrs. Wadsworth was very prominent in Washington society during the first two years of Arthur's term. The president was very attentive to her and at one time it was said that they were engaged to be married. At present Mrs. Wadsworth is confined to her house by severe illness, from which it is very doubtful if she ever recovers.

Mrs. Alexander Ray is the widow of a miller whose brand of flour is known all over the civilized world. His profits were large. Mrs. Ray's income from real estate and other sources is about $20,000 per annum. Half a million dollars will be a fair estimate of what she is worth.

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WHITMAN AND OREGON.

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claim itself of having saved the Oregon
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and the United States had been extended
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instructed Martin Van Buren, our minis
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As a treaty could not be signed by the presi-
dent until negotiated and signed by the respec-
tive negotiators, and ratified by a two-thirds vote
of the senate of the United States, one would
hardly need to notice further such a pedagogical
absurdity, nonsense, fiction and falsehood

Such was the first shape this mighty matter
taking assumed, and the last version was for
unto it as it appeared in the New York Sun of
January 25, 1885. That great journal publishes
an interview with Dr William G Tiger at Forest
Grove on the 17th of January last. Said Tiger:

"I was at Fort Walla Walla, awaiting orders
by with Dr Whitman when he started east in
his effort to save Oregon I was there when he
returned, and I am, perhaps, the only person now
living who distinctly recollects all the facts
He left, not to go to St. Louis for more people
as has been said, but for the sole purpose of
going to Washington to save Oregon. And yet
he had to be very discreet about it.

"What precipitated his departure was the ar-
rival, in 1842, of A. L. Lovejoy, a lawyer, who
reported that he had heard that the treaty ex-
changing Oregon for the Newfoundland fish
eries, had already been signed Thereupon the
doctor got ready in all haste Lovejoy was to
accompany him, and did go as far as Fort Bon
ton Thence the doctor proceeded alone

"He said on his return that he went direct to
Mr Webster, who would have nothing to do with
the matter, saying that it had entirely passed out
of his hands and the hands of congress, and Lewis
waited the president's signature 'It is too late
said Webster, 'the whole thing is settled!'
'But,' said Mr Whitman, 'I went at once to
President Tyler. At first he would hear noth-
ing said the country was not good for much
anyway I listened to him respectfully but
kept putting in a word once in a while I at
last got his attention, and when I got done he
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He proposes to patch up an agreement as to facts What does that mean? Was it truth that he wished? Or was it not rather that he possession to the dicta of these missionaries in their claims to reward for political services rendered the United States, should be consolidated and he suffered to pass unquestioned His sole purpose was to bolster up the claim that had been advanced, regardless of truth or the real facts

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A Western Railroad in a Bad Condition.

DECREASE OF IMMIGRATION

An Officer Killed and a Desperado Shot—Slater's Chances for Office Fading Away—The Rush for the Postoffices.

BOSTON, March 14.—The *Transcript* says When, in August, 1884, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad company, jointly with the St Louis and San Francisco, purchased the Mojave division of the Southern Pacific in California for $7 271,100, it was announced that the only direct obligation of the Atchison railroad company was one-half the interest upon the purchase price, or for the Atchison company $2181,000 a year We think it will be a surprise to our readers to learn that when this contract was signed and not made public the other contracts were signed and not made public, none of which we believe are to the advantage of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe. One of the contracts made concessions to the St. Louis and San Francisco upon traffic previously belonging to the Atchison The second contract was for optional operation of the present line to San Francisco jointly with the Southern Pacific, but upon terms much more favorable to the Southern Pacific than to the Atlantic and Pacific The Third contract called for the purchase from Huntington of nearly $3,000,000 of Atlantic and Pacific securities jointly by the St. Louis and San Francisco and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, and for this the Atchison has yet to pay $1,500,000 cash."

GOOD NEWS FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS.

NEW YORK, March 14.—A Hartford special to 98, a bill conferring upon women 21 years of age the privilege of citizens of the United States of voting in all school district meetings, and making them eligible to any office in the district. No property qualification is required. The passage of the bill was more than he woman suffragists expected. It will hardly go through the senate in any form, though there is a growing sentiment in the state in favor of allowing tax paying women and mothers of school children to vote upon school matters

CRUEL TREATMENT OF JEWS

BOSTON, March 14.—Secretary Bayard has written a letter to Alfred A. Marcus of this city, in reply to one, relating to atrocities inflicted upon Jews at Tonquin in Mexico. Bayard says "Consul Matthews has furnished the department a dispatch, wherein he speaks of the complaint to which your letter refers, and adds that through his intervention the Moorish minister for foreign affairs granted audience to a deputation of Israelites, and promised them that their people of Demnat, should have justice done, and in the future their welfare be attended to."

DECREASE OF IMMIGRATION

NEW YORK, March 14.—Statistics of immigration at Castle Garden show a falling off of more than 35 per cent. from January 1st, compared with the same period last year The decline is especially marked in German immigration. The steamship Servia brought here Wednesday 261 One year ago, at the same date, she brought 4916. There is a slight increase in English immigration. Immigration is lighter now than it has been before at the same date since Castle Garden was used as a landing depot.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION

BOSTON, March 14.—An important decision was rendered to-day by Judge Colt, in the United States circuit court, in suits against stockholders of the defunct Pacific National bank. Judge Colt decides that the stockholders must pay the second assessment of 100 per cent on their stock, levied by Comptroller Knox some time since The net loss to stockholders of the bank by this decision is $2,000,000

NEW YORK NOTES.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Seymour C Locke is now here making arrangements for another season of the Theodore Thomas concerts

The *Daily Exchange*, a newspaper devoted to mining interests, was sold out to-day at sheriff's sale

GENERAL GRANT'S CONDITION

NEW YORK, March 14.—This morning General Grant felt better. Breakfast, in a liquid form, was partaken of generously He began writing his reminiscences shortly before noon He passed a comfortable night, sleeping most of the time.

EXPRESS COMPANY SOLD

ST PAUL, March 14.—The Continental Express company, eastern connection of the Northern Pacific express company, has been sold to an eastern company, understood to be the Baltimore and Ohio.

WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT

NEW YORK, March 14.—The weekly bank statement shows a decrease in the reserve fund of $262,000. The banks now hold $47,000,000 in excess of legal requirements.

THE OLENROY RELEASED

SHANGHAI, March 14.—The steamer Olenroy, seized yesterday by a French man-of-war for having lead in her cargo has been released The lead was confiscated

STEAMER PROBABLY LOST

BOSTON, March 14.—The British steamer Standard, which sailed for London January 21 has not since been heard from, and is supposed to have been lost.

CUSTOMS EMPLOYES DISMISSED

NEW YORK, March 14.—The secretary of the treasury has dismissed five inspectors of the custom house here, owing to the funds running short.

WASHINGTON NEWS ITEMS.

SLIM CHANCE FOR SLATER.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—The *Chronicle's* Washington special says It is regarded as certain that Ex-congressman Sparks, of Illinois, is to be made commissioner of the land office He was closeted for an hour to-day with Secretary Lamar, and in company with the secretary looked into several of the offices, and was introduced to various officials. Ex-senator Slater of Oregon, is still a candidate, and his friends claim that the chances lie between him and Sparks There is excellent authority for believing that Sparks will be nominated early next week Lamar is at work with his private secretary trying to open two bushels of letters that have accumulated since yesterday morning, the press of business having been so great that he could not attend to them Assistant Secretary Joslyn is still in office Mr Clark, the new assistant secretary, is sick abed with chills and fever at Mr Lamar's residence

WASHINGTON NOTES

WASHINGTON, March 14.—It is understood that ex-Representive Post of Pennsylvania will be recommended by Secretary Lamar for the assistant secretaryship of the interior department, created last session.

Miss Cleveland held her regular weekly reception at the White house this afternoon. She was assisted by her sister, Mrs Hoyt. There was a large number of callers, among whom were Mrs. James G. Blaine and her son Walker Blaine

It is said to-night that the *National Republican* newspaper, has passed into the hands of a western syndicate, represented by E. W Fox of St. Louis.

BAD NEWS FOR CERTAIN SETTLERS

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The president is considering the advisability of revoking the recent order of President Arthur, throwing open to settlement the Winnebago or Crow creek Indian reservation in Dakota In behalf of the Indians it has been asserted that the order of the president was illegal, inasmuch as the land it included in the reservation was held by the Indians under the provisions of the treaty of 1858, that could not be set aside by an executive order. If this assertion be substantiated, settlers who have selected and occupied homesteads on the reservation will be liable to ejectment.

IMPORTANT OMISSIONS.

In the enrollment of the naval appropriation bill, the section providing for the abolition of a naval advisory board, at the discretion of the secretary of the navy was omitted The clause appropriating $600,000 for the armament of the new cruisers was also omitted on enrollment, although it was agreed to by both houses of congress. In the sundry civil appropriation bill the appropriation of $5500 for telegraph poles and material for the life saving service also dropped out in enrollment.

THE RUSH FOR POSTOFFICES

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Over 2500 applications from persons ambitious to be postmasters were received at the postoffice department today, of which number nearly 300 were from Illinois. About one-third of the number were from incumbents who wish to be retained One of the index clerks says he filed 168 applications from Iowa yesterday, and it was only a moderately fair day for applications at that.

BLAINE MEETS CLEVELAND?

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Mr Blaine has called to pay his respects to President Cleveland. The meeting between the two gentlemen was a hearty one, each shaking the other by the hand with a warm grasp. They were closeted together nearly an hour, and when Mr Blaine came out the president accompanied him to the door and gave him a cordial invitation to visit the executive mansion frequently

WILL DISBAND.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—General Sheridan received a telegram from General Hatch to-day stating that the Oklahoma boomers will postpone the contemplated invasion of Indian territory until the 15th inst. The postponement was determined upon before the receipt of the president's proclamation. Army officers express the opinion that the invaders will now disband.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Pacific coast fair weather, followed on the north Pacific coast region, during the night, by local rains

CRIMINAL CALENDAR

ALLEGED MURDERER LYNCHED

INDEPENDENCE, Kas March 14.—Last night 100 men stormed the jail and took Frank Bonham, a young farmer, and hanged him to a railroad trestle. Bonham was charged with the murder of his mother, brother and sister last month The district court yesterday granted a change of venue to Cherokee county, which incensed the residents of the neighborhood where Bonham lived. His guilt was not proved, though all appearances were against him

MARSHAL KILLED AND DESPERADO SHOT

JEWELL CITY, Kas., March 14.—A horse thief named Clark, killed Frank Harrington, the town marshal, and was fatally shot near here to-day Clark has been traced to a farm house by the sheriff The latter, with Marshal Harrington and two deputies, surrounded the building whereupon Clark ran from the house, shooting as he ran, one bullet taking effect in Harrington's head One of the deputies then fired and killed Clark

FOREIGN DISPATCHES.

THE ANGLO RUSSIAN TROUBLE

CONFIDENCE PARTIALLY RESTORED

LONDON, March 14.—Gladstone's statements in the house of commons last night regarding the Anglo-Russian situation have restored confidence in both home and foreign securities. Russian securities advanced 1/4 over yesterday's closing price

WAR PREPARATIONS

The terms of the arrangement with it were announced by the conservatives and the liberal press admits that the arrangement is a virtual surrende to Russia of the frontier demanded Preparations for war, however, continue on the most extensive scale An enormous transport fleet is collecting in the Thames at Portsmouth and Plymouth The size of the fleet far exceeds any possible needs of the Soudan campaign The Woolwich arsenal workshops have been hurriedly enlarged by the erection of temporary structures, and workmen at the arsenal have been placed on double time

On petition of the viceroy of India, large grants have been accorded from the Indian treasury to Abdurahman ameer of Afghanistan for the purpose of the complete repair of forts in his territory and particularly those at Herat These works of repair will be done under supervision of English engineers and additional guns needed by the fortifications of Afghanistan are to be supplied from Woolwich

RUSSIANS ON DISPUTED GROUND

Sir Peter Lumsden, British commissioner on the Afghan frontier line has again changed his camp He has fixed at Zurnbut, on the Persian side Sir Peter's present position is in the rear of the Russian advanced outposts, and as Russia claims these outposts are inside the boundary line claimed by Russia, Sir Peter's position is made the subject of official representation to the British government. Baron Lo Staal, the czar's ambassador to England, has asked the British government to order Lumsden's camp moved while the matter is negotiated Afghan territory The request was refused, and Sir Peter instructed to keep his present position and maintain from it communication with the Afghans at Robat pass

WAR RATES PAID

The *Times* states that during the past two days war rates have been paid on British vessels en route from San Francisco and other distant ports, and on those en route from Baltic sea and Black sea ports

FROM A RUSSIAN POINT OF VIEW

ST PETERSBURG, March 14.—The *Journal* says the boundary question is not a European question, but purely a local affair General Komaroff, in command of the Russian troops, has been strictly ordered to abstain from all aggressive movements, and exert his influence upon the Turcomans as far as possible, with a view of preventing a collision with the Afghans Recent reports of a further Russian advance are incorrect

NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE

ST PETERSBURG, March 14.—The *Journal de St Petersburg* says negotiations between Russia and England still continue and are connected with a firm desire to avoid a collision and upon the profound conviction that it is to the interest of both countries to reach a solid settlement of the present dispute

THE CZAR'S OPINION

PARIS, March 14.—The *Gaulois* says the czar has assured Emperor William that the Afghan question has never threatened the peace of Europe

The Continental bourses are buoyant in sympathy with the feeling in England.

THE SOUDAN

ZEBEHR PASHA A TRAITOR

ALEXANDRIA, March 14.—Zebehr Pasha has been arrested, and his house searched Documents were found proving his complicity with El Mahdi He was sent aboard a British vessel Zebehr Pasha is the person whom General Gordon asked to be made governor of Khartoum.

Zebehr Pasha will be kept on the island of Cyprus. Zebehr has been under surveillance, which practically made him a prisoner, for the past two years. His wealth, mainly acquired in the slave trade, was confiscated, and he was allowed a quarterly stipend on condition that he should not leave Alexandria without the consent of the Khedive General Gordon pleaded that Zebehr should be restored to power in the Soudan, and said that the ex-slave king was the only man who had enough nerve and prestige to keep the Arabs in subjection General Gordon had encountered Zebehr during former service in Egypt, and had hanged one of Zebehr's sons who was left as hostage, and whose life had become forfeited by an act of treachery on Zebehr's part. When Gordon was sent to Khartoum last year, both he and Zebehr Pasha seemed to have agreed to ignore the past. It was another of Zebehr's sons who escorted General Gordon across the desert from Korosko to Abu Hamed Without this escort it is certain General Gordon would never have got to Khartoum.

It has now been discovered by the British government that Zebehr has been in continual correspondence with El Mahdi, both before and since the capture of Khartoum, and the killing of General Gordon Several other persons are about to be arrested, including some prominent notables.

IN HONOR OF GENERAL GORDON

LONDON, March 14.—The Gordon memorial committee met at the mansion house to-day The Prince of Wales presided Among the members present were the Duke of Edinburgh, Duke of Cambridge and Earl Granville The object of the meeting was to decide upon the form which the Gordon memorial should take. The committee decided the memorial should be a great hospital and sanitarium to be erected at Port Said and open to the people of all the nations of the earth.

WILL CALL ON KING JOHN

ROME, March 14.—A dispatch from Massowah says Consul Ferrari has started on a special mission to King John of Abyssinia.

FOR THE CONGO COUNTRY

ROME March 14.—The propaganda is organizing a strong mission for the Congo country

THE WAR IN CHINA

THE CHINESE SIDE OF THE STORY

LONDON, March 14.—The Chinese embassy deny that the French have occupied the heights of Kelung, as claimed in Paris. Members of the embassy say the French, after fighting several days, and losing 500 men, succeeded in occupying two positions commanding the road across the island between Kelung and Tamsui, but the Chinese still hold all other forts. In securing these two positions the French made their first and only successful advance since landing at Kelung in September

CENTRAL AMERICA.

DETERMINED OPPOSITION TO BARRIOS

LIBERTAD (San Salvador, (via Galveston,) March 14.—The attitude assumed by Mexico in behalf of the autonomy of San Salvador, Nicaragua and Costa Rica, against the threatened usurpation of President Barrios, of Guatamela, excites enthusiasm throughout the three republics. The determination of the people of these countries to resist incorporation into one republic under the domination of Barrios, continues steadfast, and the fall of Barrios is considered certain

ENGLAND

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S NEW OPERA.

LONDON, March 14.—Gilbert and Sullivan's new opera, "The Mikado or the town of Titipe," was produced to night. The warmth of its reception promises a success greater than any since "Patience"

BISMARCK GOING TO ITALY

BERLIN, March 14.—As soon as Bismarck is satisfied that a pacific settlement of the difficulty between Russia and England is assured, he will follow the advice of his physician and take a trip to Italy.

PACIFIC COAST.

The Customary Budget of San Francisco Items.

MISS NEVADA TOO SICK TO SING

Startling Developments Made at Helena The Arizona Legislature Denounced—Matters at the North End.

A CAPITALIST ARRESTED

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—Amos McCarthy, a prominent land owner and capitalist of this city, was arrested to-day on a charge of felony The crime of which he is accused is that he caused Ex Tax Collector Grady to manufacture certificates of sale issued to McCarthey so as to avoid payment of the required legal expenses McCarthey, when interviewed at the city prison, treated the matter lightly He said he had plenty of money without being obliged to resort to the commission of felonies He asserts that it is a case of blackmail, and that he knows the parties who instigated it. The latter he has been kept strictly private up to the moment of McCarthey's arrest to-day The case will attract a great deal of attention, as it may also involve Ex Tax Collector Grady

NEVADA TOO SICK TO SING

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—Miss Nevada, of Maplesons opera troupe, has been sick since her arrival in this city, and unable, according to her own statements, to sing, and to-day suit was brought against her by a ticket speculator to recover $289, which he claims to have lost on tickets purchased for Nevada nights It is thought other suits of a same nature will be brought against Maplesons

WILL PROSECUTE HIS ACCUSERS

R C Sandle, formerly engaged in business in Leland Stanford and who is charged with running off with $12,000 belonging to the firm, states to-day that he intends returning to Portland, shortly, and will prosecute he authors of the despatch in question

NO PLACE TO GO

Twenty four Chinese arrived here on the side me City of New York from Hong Kong, in transit for British Columbia The collector at that port passed by their request, in advance of the Chinese laws protects them during their stay, and they can not land here Neither the Chinese consul nor the steamship company know what to do with them

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

ARRIVED—Ship Astoria, Simmons Cleared—Steamer Oregon, Roberts steamer Mexico, Victorian steamer Dora Oxmaliask Sailed—Steamer Dora Oxmaliask ship Dancing Wave, Tacoma schooner Martha Turner, Oxmaliask

NELSON NOT GUILTY

The case of William M Nelson accused by Mrs Hill Sharon of having embezzled $200 from her, was terminated to-day in Judge Wilson's court. The jury after being out fifteen minutes brought in a verdict Not guilty

MONTANA.

STARTLING DISCLOSURES MADE AT HELENA

HELENA, March 14.—Great uneasiness prevails in this city to night, on account of the disclosure of some facts concerning certain outgoing officials. The county commissioners of Lewis and Clark have been in continuous session for two weeks, engaged principally in examining the accounts of W K. Roberts county treasurer, Alexander H Beattie clerk of the district court, and Probate Judge F P Sterling John W Eddy was appointed to examine the books and records of the late Probate Judge F P Sterling, and report to the commissioners when said examination was completed C G Reynolds was appointed to examine the books and records of Alexander H Beattie, and report to the same body. It is thought by many that the deficits of the three officers will aggregate many thousands of dollars.

To-morrow's *Independent* will contain the following statement of Mr Roberts' case "There has been a report for several days that the books of ex Treasurer Kemp Roberts show a deficit of some $30,000 Mr Roberts claims that there must be some mistake, and that in examination of the books by an expert will show some mistake. He is confident of large in a surprise to all, as no man stood higher than Mr Roberts in the estimation of the people for honesty and fidelity

WASHINGTON TERRITORY

SEATTLE NOTES

SEATTLE, March 14.—The Standard theater was crowded to-night by persons witnessing the contest with gloves in which Billy Hall was to knock out Tommy Clancy in six rounds Both men had trained thoroughly, and entered the ring in good condition. No severe punishment was given by either, and Clancy won by standing up longer than the six rounds

S W Hovey, a pioneer citizen of Puget sound, died with consumption in this city this evening He has been lingering a long time, and was surrounded by his family.

WHATCOM IN LUCK

WHATCOM, March 14.—Extensive real estate sales were made in this city to day Pattibone Bros sold twenty lots. The buyers were Portland men The coal developments are very rich and the owners are negotiating sales with San Francisco capitalists.

ARIZONA

AN ODIOUS LEGISLATURE

PRESCOTT, March 14.—The territorial legislature has adjourned *sine die*. The session is generally regarded as the most unharmonious and unfruitful of any in the history of the territory

TUCSON, March 14.—An immense mass meeting was held to-night, to express indignation against the work of the territorial legislature, which in sixty days' session has voted away over a million dollars in subsidies. The meeting appointed a committee to devise means to have congress institute proceedings in court to stop the payment of amounts corruptly appropriated

BRITISH COLUMBIA

VICTORIA NEWS ITEMS

VICTORIA, March 14.—The barks June Sprott and Haddes sailed for Portland to-day

Chinese immigration is now entirely checked.

John Gastineau, a former resident of California, and a civil engineer here since 1858, died to-day

Arrived—Steamer Wilmington, three days from San Francisco

SOUTH AMERICA

CHILI'S COMPLAINTS SUSTAINED

RIO JANEIRO, March 4.—Complaints of the Chilian government against Senor Netto, president of the international arbitration court on Peruvian war claims, have been admitted as well founded, and the Brazilian emperor has deposed Netto The decisions altogether assess Chili for $20,000,000 damages in favor of Peru

MEXICO.

BARRIOS' PRETENSIONS STRONGLY OPPOSED.

MEXICO (VIA GALVESTON), March 14.—The action of the Mexican government in condemning General Barrios' pretensions is warmly commended by the newspapers of this city, almost all of them recommending if it should be necessary, to put Barrios down that a Mexican army be sent to aid San Salvador and Nicaragua

EUROPEAN POLITICS

AUSTRIA WANTS TO SEIZE BOSNIA

VIENNA, March 14.—The Austrian government has sounded the powers signatory to the Berlin treaty, on annexation of Bosnia by Austria, and alienation of the nominal suzerainty at present held by the porte It is given out that Bismarck supports Austria.

EAST PORTLAND LETTER LIST

Letters remaining in the postoffice East Portland Oregon March 14 1885

WOMEN'S LIST

Ellis Mrs M B — Napier Miss Maria
Lawhead Miss Lottha — Overton Mary Ann
Campbell Miss Viola — Saltzle Mrs Em
Cline Miss Jennie G. — Swartz Miss Em
Hoffman Mrs Hattie — Tuttle Mrs Mattie
Hamlin Josa
Lewonds Mrs F — Woodard Mrs Gilbert
Doty C E — Frost Mrs Mary
Merry Mrs Mary — Sutherlin Miss
McDonald Mrs Ruth
McCowin Miss

MEN'S LIST

Bates T Stetson — Carstan K F — McCabe Chas
Bain Orson — Fisher D
Butler James — Ferguson Thos — Nelson Jacob
Brooks Howard
Bean Henry — Griffon Henry — Peterson Fred
Buck Samuel
Hoffman W F — Linney John
Case James — Howes Earl — Roth Peter
Cooper M T — Hyder T J — Robertson S
Coulter Miles — Harris James
Davison Mrs — Johnson S F — Saunders C W
Davis Thos — Jacobucci Phil — Tarumna Ard
Davis Lesley
Donavan Geo F — Van Vleet J
Fly W P — Lommart Frank — Wilson Ag
Haines W — Wood Willie
Emberton F I — Moore S
Emerich Jim — Miller C A

M COUGHLIN P M

THE GENTLER SEX.

A JAPANESE GIRL'S TOILET

When a Japanese girl gets up in the morning she washes her face but does not have to dress her hair, says a writer in *St Nicholas* That is attended to but once a week The hair dresser comes to the house and arranges her jet black locks in the fashion for fifth girls of her age She has no trouble about her hair and after her bath the hair dresser assists her to powder her face with a small white puff She puts a little red paint on her lower lip, and a little gilding on the middle When she removes her clean underdress she has only a short skirt which is simply a square piece of cloth crape or silk tied around the waist. No other underclothing is worn In making her toilet for the day she first puts on a garment made usually of some cheap material reaching only to the knees and reaching only to the waist but with long sleeves on the neck of this garment is sewed a deep full of waist trimmed with colored crape or silk and a long straight skirt of blue or red crape silk or woolen is tied around the waist and over all three of these garments is worn the kimono dress This is of some dark color and made of coarse sown silk or thick crape For festivals and holidays the dresses are of very fine material and very handsome The outer dress is simply a wrapper reaching to the feet with very long and wide sleeves hanging nearly to the ground and used as pockets On each shoulder and back is made which extends to the waist thus forming a kind of fullness for the skirt But the dress is not gathered and is straight all the way down The neck is cut low enough to show a full ruche of velvet or satin which reaches nearly to the waist and the dress is crossed over the bosom and confined by a girdle Over this is worn a very wide sash, a piece of brocaded silk or satin, stuff with embroidery of gold or silver, lined with soft silk and fastened behind in a very large bow Long bows are all the fashion now, and the longer they are the more stylish it is considered We often see little girls of seven or eight years of age whose sashes are made to reach only to the ankle, and with a place in which to put the great toe (just as mittens have a place for the thumb) she goes out to say "How do," or good morning, to her father and mother

SWISS GIRLS

No sex are the girls large enough to possess the requisite physical strength than they are set to the most servile work the land affords The child has a pannier basket fitted to her shoulders at the earliest possible moment, and she drops it only when old age, premature but merciful, robs her of her power to carry it longer Thus seen upon the hillsides of the valleys fourteen or fifteen years hence, the little girls of twelve or thirteen are already bowed under the burden increasing with the age and strength of the burden-bearers, till, by the time girls have come to womanhood, there is no sort of menial toil in which they do not bear a hand—and quite commonly the chief hand.—Foreign letter

WOMEN WHO LOVE FLOWERS

"Flowers go ahead of all other gifts in winning a woman's heart, and every young gallant knows that," said the dealer

"Why so?"

"Well, nearly all women love flowers, and there is something so delicate, so much unsaid, yet suggested, in flowers that the simple gift of one is always appreciated by a woman—not to speak of the different sentiments that are associated with different kinds of flowers It is very interesting to note how different people regard flowers Why, I can tell almost the moment a woman enters whether she is fond of flowers Women who love flowers always have sweet faces, soft ways and gentle dispositions One of that kind rarely asks for the fashionable flower because it is fashionable She loves flowers for their own sake, and consequently she is almost sure to call for her favorites, whether in fashion or not. The woman who cares for flowers simply because they are fashionable is generally one of the old, haughty, airs kind She will look around critically, seize some flower and pull it out of a bunch, sometimes breaking off a leaf, or catching one of its thorns in another rose and tearing the petals That's the difference, you see The other lady handles them with a gentle, caressing touch, almost as if they were human."

FASHION HINTS

Tricotrine is a fashionable dress fabric very popular abroad

It is now the fashion to braid the Langtry knot of hair worn low in the nape of the neck.

A new violet blue, shading to purple, is a new shade called yeux dagmar, after the deep peculiar color of the eyes of the empress of Austria, formerly Princess Dagmar

Removable trains are sent home with most evening toilets They are very useful, and if well cut and arranged, should never betray their adjustable nature. Velvet trains are much in vogue, and, as colored bodices are worn above lace skirts, black or white, the addition of a train matching the bodice effects an agreeable transformation when required

Gold and silver laces, used with discretion, are in high favor for ball toilets The purple shades, becoming so fashionable, harmonize beautifully with the pale gold trimmings and silver lace, in its fairy exquisite devices, tones perfectly with the pale blues, mauves and pinks that are now so generally worn.

The Poughkeepsie correspondent, who asks where pieces of silk, etc., may be purchased, suitable for the making of crazy cushions and quilts, will be obliged to make her quest among the milliners and dressmakers, or she may find all the varieties she needs at one or two large establishments who advertise their sale in many newspapers

A pretty little house apron suitable for ordinary home wear is made of one width of goods in a rounding shape, sloping a little at the top and gathered on a belt. The apron and the small round pocket are edged with fine linen lace, four inches wide, and a handsome bolt ribbon with bows and ends is tied at the left side The novel part of the apron consists of a Pedora bib, which is stirred at the throat, brought down narrowly to the belt, and shirred again

A great deal of velvet and velvet ribbon will be used for trimming even the lightest fabrics both as to texture and color Silk gauze, brocho with velvet figures, embroidered net, dotted silks, merveilleux, foulards, both plain and figured, will also be much employed Very elegant yet not expensive toilets are formed of a silk skirt which has done duty before, veiled by a very deep flounce of ecru lace The bodice may be either of new silk trimmed to or of the same silk, cut low and veiled with a high bodice of ecru net.

Every stylish Parisian bonnet lately exhibited has a medium-sized brim of darkest red velvet with a crown covered with Angora lace wrought with pale gold threads The strings were of velvet, and the trimming upon the bonnet consisted of a cluster of deep red and yellow tulips in shaded velvet on one side, and a graceful fall of the gold-run lace on the other, the airy waves caught here and there on the left of the crown with small jeweled ornaments of real gold

The short Russian and the rounding zouave jackets, of the style worn by the Greek rallifares are two natty and picturesque overgarments which are to be in high vogue the coming season both for house wear and for full-dress occasions. For the latter use the material is of the richest velvet plush, or satin, richly adorned with applique bands, lace, or embroidery, and for the former the jackets are made of fine French cashmere, tricot or basket cloth, or plain vigogne, simply trimmed with rows of braid or narrow velvet ribbon

A very stylish evening dress made for a young debutante of this year shows a skirt of cream colored India cashmere surrounded by three deep flounces of the goods shirred on at the top Each flounce is tucked in rows of three with a deep hem below, and edging to hem is an exceedingly pretty design in cream-colored Irish point lace four inches wide The short cut-away jacket is edged to match, and opens over a pleated blouse vest of pale blue surah Ribbons of the same delicate shade hold the loopings of the full cashmere fabric at each side

Large clasps of handsome wraps of velvet, satin, or plush, of the new shade of Japanese brown, are made of real bronze, with antique and mythological heads, in raised enamel. A head of Bacchus is one new design, thus surrounded by a solid warmth of six leaves of silver, with tiny clusters of grapes made of rubies Some of these devices are exceedingly expensive clasps for sash buckles, ball muffles, and the like, being made of real gold, or silver in lace work patterns, and handsomely carved slides in gold or silver set with diamonds, pearls, and other precious stones.

EASTERN EUROPE.

Observations Taken in Austria, Hungary and Russia

Glimpses Land Scenery Cities and People along the Rhine and Danube

WRITTEN FOR THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN,

BY H. H. SPENCER.

While the west of Europe is annually overrun with travelers and written upon so frequently that only a corner remains to explore, the east has been neglected Little is known, of that vast extent of territory and its peoples Darkness has ruled here for centuries, and only recently the outlines of great future historical objects here and there visible in the spreading light I passed with a desire to know more the interior of nations I made a rather flying trip through Austria, Hungary and Russia, carrying a little at Vienna Buda Pesth, Kiew, Moscow and other places The following are notes and observations jotted down on that journey They are naturally superficial, but if they spread some light, if they awaken an interest in the lives of these regions and what it holds the purpose of the writer is attained

Crossing the frontier at Oberberg and passing from the east military camp of William I into the Bohemian Highlands, a marked difference is at once perceptible In Prussia the street, almost opposite my dignity, and I can hardly refrain from joining the enthusiastic, noisy crowd that always precedes the drum major

All these things I expected to find in common with other European capitals; but it has some characteristics peculiar to itself The imperial residence on the blue Danube, has the gayest city I ever saw, the best looking women, the lowest morals, the most magnificent street, the finest park and the most picturesque surroundings of any city

Everybody, the man that idly pram enade in the parks, the men that sell goods, the women that carry heavy loads of vegetables to markets, the men that lay brick and the sturdy women that carry the hod up steep ladders to them, all wear a jovial, happy, contented expression A voluptuous waltz, a gorgeous painting by Makart, the enjoyment of opera bouffe, compensate for the loss of a province. Their hearts are no secondaries The gloomy north, where a melancholic humbled asks perplexing questions, where gigantic intellects wrestle with the conundrum of "Ought not" where pessimists explore the "recollections" where befogged artists paint, society and heavy saints and madonnas, and where statesmen live up to blood and iron policy, the north with all these somber hard realities and unrealities could never cross the mountain barrier and conquer this enemy valley The native energy and vigor of the Teuton is here gracefully draped in oriental ease and lassitude

The Ringstrasse has not its equal in the world It encircles the old city, and is constructed on the site of the old fortifications that served so well in the defence of the cross against the crescent. It is a broad avenue, with flower beds, blooming shrubs, arbors, shady walks in the center, and magnificent structures for commercial religious, educational and political purposes on its sides. The other streets are common place, except in the heart of the old town, where many streets, lanes and alleys bear the same general aspect as they did centuries ago Dark, narrow, crooked, and bounded by facades, when one story projects a foot or more above the other, they take us back to the times of Rudolph, and if suddenly a cavalcade of plumed knights should appear around the bend, it would not surprise us at all, but seem altogether in keeping with the surroundings. Why did not those old burghers adopt straight lines? There was manifestly a great deal of crookedness in the construction of streets in those times, and the result is that no object can be reached in Europe except by dodging and winding along devious paths Can the denizens of such labyrinths become straightforward citizens? That the straight line is the shortest between two points is true as well in politics as in geometry It always puzzled me to find out how any intellectual and moral twists the populace of such curvilinear lanes sustained

One day the emperor with nearly the entire population went out to the 'Schmelz,' a suburban parade ground to view the spring parade of the garrison Nearly 20 000 troops, artillery, infantry and cavalry, all in new uniforms and with glittering arms, were ranged in perfect order on the vast plain to await the approach of the emperor At 10 o'clock this gentleman, with his brilliant suite, arrived, mounted their horses, took position on an elevated portion of the field, and the columns were put in motion Making first a wide sweep to the south, and then on a straight line, regiment after regiment with quick, elastic step passed before the august assemblage It was a fine display of a fine body of men, and royalty was pleased Tyrolean rifles in gray uniforms and felt hats, Hungarian cavalry, Styrian infantry and Bohemian artillery, all in brilliant red, blue, yellow, gray and polished steel and burnished brass, filed by to the delight of the hero of the parade ground. The parades at the different capitals furnish some materials for comparing the merits of different nations. In this respect the Prussians are far ahead The parade of the Berlin "Garde" under the eyes of the aged emperor was far superior to any others For stalwart forms, military bearing, ease, rapidity and precision of movements, they are models to all others. But the question of superiority is never decided by their gorgeous reviews on the "Schmeiz," the Tempelhof or the Champ de Mars. Other powerful factors enter when the contest is to be decided on the bloody field of battle Consciousness of right or wrong, desire of conquest, great material interests and revenge for injuries propel or retard the movements of contending foes and award victory where it belongs, regardless of drill master or martinet.

After the review the emperor, accompanied by Prince Wilhelm of Germany, their apparent of Austria, drove through the house, cheering crowd, bowing acknowledgements on all sides. He is a very ordinary looking individual and his looks do not betray him, and yet he is almost worshipped by a large class of his subjects. "I saw Him", "How well He looks", "How pleasantly He bowed to us", and the like expressions uttered with happy, beaming faces, were frequently uttered in that crowd Provincials especially, men from Styria, Corinthia, Tyrol, Gallicia, etc., seemed very proud that they had seen their emperor, and in anticipation gloated over the distinction and admiration they would receive in their native village in narrating the important fact that they had actually seen stupid worthless royalty. It is this excessive loyalty to crowned heads which, more than anything else clogs the wheels of political and social progress. The metropolitan populations who have not been the shine of corruption oozing through the thick walls of palaces, have thrown off all reverence, but the honest benighted rustic, under the sway of priests and parsons paid by government still furnishes with his ballot and bullet the sturdy, loyal support of royalty. There are millions of people who would consider it a distinction to be abused, dishonored and maltreated by a prince After this excessive loyalty is quite ludicrous Our landlady at Berlin would never look at the morning papers except for the "Hofnachrichten" (court news, detailing how the emperor had spent the previous day, who were ordered to dine with him, who had an audience, where he drove, where he went to bed, when he rose, that the princess X would furnish an additional member to the household on such and such a date, that the hand of Princess X had been sought for Prince Y, etc., etc. One morning she burst into our room exclaiming "You must read this, you must read this" Of course we thought that some rich relative without other heirs had left us a cumbrous inheritance, that America was washed away by some tidal wave of the Pacific that a great earthquake had demolished provinces, or some other great calamity had struck this mundane sphere, but no, nothing of the kind the exciting news was that by order of the emperor himself, in the presence and with the assistance of numerous persons of rank and distinction, the chief veterinary surgeon of Germany had scientifically dispatched the old mare which the emperor rode on the field of Sedan Every detail of this solemn and important affair was given If Dr Virchow had died, its obituary notice would not have taken as much printer's ink as that of William's immortal mare

On another occasion my wife and this lady took a walk in the Thiergarten It was a beautiful spring afternoon and the elite of the city was out on those charming promenades. Presently a great commotion among the people Men and women bowed, and army officers stood straight and stiff in rigid military salute Following the converging lines of vision of a hundred eyes, the crown prince and his wife, bowing pleasantly to the people, were found in the focus "Mein Gott in Himmel, madame, it is the crown prince and princess, and I did not recognize them and salute when they passed What shall I do?" and the poor soul nearly fainted, and was all upset for several days, as though she had committed high treason. Even in England, where, ever since that little affair at Runymede, loyalty has grown more ornamental than useful or injurious, this sickening loyalty crops out too frequently. I saw an item in a London daily stating that the queen, one of the wealthiest persons in the world, by the way,

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